



## Powers and Responsibilities

Plaid Cymru will transfer full responsibility for Wales' natural resources to the National Assembly for Wales.

We will ensure Wales always has the energy supply we need through best use of our resources, and prioritizing renewable sources as part of our transition to a cleaner, more sustainable and secure energy future.

We will introduce a not-for-dividend energy company, Ynni Cymru, that will put our energy and natural resources in the hands of the people of Wales. This will ensure value for money for Welsh households and businesses.

We should have full powers over our natural resources. We do not accept the imposition of artificial limits on Wales's responsibility for its own energy generation, whether that be 50MW as at present or those recommended by the Silk Commission.

We will introduce a Climate Change Act for Wales, adopting challenging but achievable greenhouse gas reduction targets for 2030 and 2050.

## Renewables

We believe that the people of Wales should be better able to benefit from the energy we produce. Our natural resources are highly valuable, and if we can harness these renewable sources properly then we could become

self-sufficient in renewable electricity which would help deliver environmental and economic gains to the people of Wales.

Our energy policy will focus on increasing energy generation from renewable sources, with particular emphasis on tidal and hydro sources, such as the proposed tidal lagoons, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

As energy generation is linked to energy use, we will also work to reduce the amount of energy we use in Wales, using local businesses to deliver the work of making houses more energy efficient and assisting high-use industries to reduce their energy consumption.

We will encourage transfer of investment from fossil fuel extraction to exploitation of sources of renewable energy.

We will set ambitious targets for recycling, based on the waste hierarchy so that the assumption is to reuse rather than recycle or send to landfill

We will work with supermarkets and others to reduce non-biodegradable waste from packaging

## Infrastructure

Communities should benefit more from energy generation. We want to see local people owning and investing in energy projects. We will increase the advice and support available to local communities on how they can best benefit from energy

generation projects.

We will look into establishing local power grids and a Wales-wide national energy grid to secure energy transmission in Wales, linking north and south entry points undersea.

Access to the National Grid should be made easier for renewable users and allow new energy generators to come on-line, as in Germany.

We oppose the use of pylons to carry energy through National Parks and Areas of National Beauty, and support the use of underground and undersea cables technology to carry electricity, where possible.

We support a moratorium on fracking and other forms of unconventional gas. Welsh water should not be used for fracking elsewhere nor should fracking take place without full permissions being given by landowners and residents, or without a full Environmental Impact Assessment.

Plaid Cymru will also continue to oppose opencast mining, especially when close to housing or regularly used buildings, such as hospitals and schools, and underground coal gasification.

We continue to oppose the building of nuclear power plants in new locations, and will work to ensure local people and businesses benefit from existing plants.