

Amendment list

Environment Bill Committee

Stage

A new approach to environmental protections will be vital in tackling the climate and nature emergency. However, the Environment Bill currently fails to deliver the promised level of ambition: gold standard protections, a demonstration of global environmental leadership, and a world-leading watchdog. Friends of the Earth welcomes the government's intent to make this bill the 'star' of this legislative programme – however, significant improvements are needed to fulfil this aim.

Please support and add your name to the following amendments to ensure the Environment Bill delivers on promises to maintain and improve our environment:

To create a **strong targets framework** that will continue to drive ambitious action in the future:

- **Amendments 74 and 75**, which would require habitat improvements to be maintained forever, not for 30 years
- **NC17**, which would ensure a target is set relating to tree planting
- **Amendment NC14 and NC18**, which aim to strengthen the targets framework and ensure it is implemented effectively, with cross government contribution
- **Amendments 87, 88, 89, 90 and 112**, which aim to widen the scope and effectiveness of Environmental Improvement Plans

To ensure **strong environmental principles** continue to guide policy and action across government:

- **Amendments 91, 92, 93, 94 and 114**, which aim to ensure that the environmental principles cannot be ignored by many parts of government

To demonstrate the UK's **global environmental leadership** and prevent the outsourcing of environmental impacts:

- **NC5**, which would require government to draft a new 'Due Diligence' law to make businesses improve their supply chains to prevent environmental damage
- **Amendments 95, 97 and 99**, which aim to improve compliance with international environmental law
- **Amendments 195, 196 and 197**, which aim to improve clarity and transparency around reporting on developments in environmental legislation from other jurisdictions.

To provide for a **strong and independent environmental watchdog** and ensure environmental protections are fully implemented in perpetuity:

- **Amendments 98**, which aims to improve transparency around the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)
- **Amendments 119, 123 and 124**, which aim to improve access to, and the scope of, Environmental Review
- **Amendments 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121 and 180**, which aim to increase the power of the OEP to enforce environmental law
- **Amendments 127 and 148** which aim to clarify definitions within the bill
- **Amendments 154, 155, 156, 157 and 179** which aim to improve the independence of the OEP

To ensure the continuation of **high standards in relation to chemicals**:

- **Amendments 108, 109, 110 and 111**, which would increase the proportion of the REACH framework which cannot be modified via regulations
- **Amendments 174 and 184**, which would prevent regression in chemicals standards