

## Response ID ANON-VC83-WFCS-Q

Submitted to **Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024**

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### Questions

#### 1 Do you agree with our outcome-based approach to adaptation in Scotland?

Yes

**Any comments: :**

No comment.

#### 2 Do you agree that a National Forum on Adaptation should be established to facilitate discussion on climate change adaptation?

Yes

**Any comments: :**

More details on committee selection criteria of senior representatives, and which sectors will be included would be welcomed. Any steering committee should, as well as informing sectoral plans, input into a range of appropriate strategies and policies in Scotland. For example, the anticipated review of the National Planning Framework (NPF) is a key opportunity to address issues associated with climate adaptation issues. The NPF sets out a long-term vision for the spatial development of Scotland, which is described as "the spatial expression of the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy". This may provide clarity as to how Scottish Government plans on how it will intervene with the market to drive a more immediate response to climate change from industry. Inputting into key national strategies will help strengthen the link between work undertaken in government departments and local authorities.

#### 3 Do you agree that climate change adaptation behaviours should be included in the Programme?

Unsure

**Any comments: :**

Whilst changing behaviours will undoubtedly contribute to climate adaption strategies, as discussed in Q2 approaches to market intervention are likely to be the main factor in climate change adaptation.

#### 4 Do you agree that an integrated approach should be taken to monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

**Any comments: :**

No comment

#### 5 Do you agree with our long term vision for adapting to climate change in Scotland?

Unsure

**Any comments: :**

"Our overarching vision is that we live in a Scotland where our built and natural places, supporting infrastructure, economy and society are climate ready, adaptable and resilient to climate change."

Whilst the vision clearly sets out the need for society to be resilient for climate adaptation the inclusion of wording encouraging the lowering or phasing out of emissions would be welcomed.

#### 6 Does the Programme identify the right outcomes for Scotland over the next five years?

Unsure

**Any comments: :**

As climate change poses a risk to historic landscapes, structures, buildings and archaeology, the explicit mention of adaption measures for built heritage in the outcomes would be welcomed. Mitigation should also be an outcome of any climate change adaptation strategy.

A few terms are unclear, notably 'society's supporting systems' and reference made to 'international networks'.

#### 7 Are there any additional policies that should be included in the outcomes?

Yes

**Any comments: :**

Generally in the consultation document there is a poor connection between climate change adaptation and the broad range of policy documents and strategies, especially related to planning. Specific reference should be made to, for example;

- Strategic planning through emerging regional strategies
- National Planning Framework
- Scottish Planning Policy
- Infrastructure Investment Plan
- City Region Deals
- Regional Economic Partnerships
- UK Minerals Strategy
- National Waste Management Plan
- National Energy Strategy

We have substantial concerns that certain key topics were not addressed in the draft programme, such as sustainable procurement policies, infrastructure provision, the circular economy and sustainable urban drainage schemes. These should be a key part of any future approach.

## Strategic Environmental Assessment

### 8 What are your views on the accuracy and scope of the information used to describe the SEA environmental baseline set out in the Environmental Report?

Please give details of additional relevant sources.:

No comment

### 9 What are your views on the predicted environmental effects as set out in the Environmental Report?

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No comment

### 10 What are your views on the findings of the SEA and the proposals for mitigation and monitoring of the environmental effects set out in the Environmental Report?

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No comment

## About you

### What is your name?

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### Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

### What is your organisation?

Organisation:

RTPi Scotland

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Yes

## Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

**Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:**

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

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Very satisfied

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