

Rt. Hon. Amber Rudd MP Secretary of State For The Department of Energy And Climate Change 3-8 Whitehall Place LONDON SW1A 2HD

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Dear Amber,

Time for Tories to deliver on lagoon promise

It's less than five months before the Welsh people have their say on Wales' political path for the next five years. Our parties will contest every seat, every power and every detail of the National Assembly for Wales elections.

Today though, we stand united in Westminster on a matter of national significance: delivery of the tidal lagoon project that promises so much for Swansea Bay and for Wales.

This isn't about one project or indeed one party. It's about the overwhelming will of the Welsh people to try and realise the opportunity that washes Wales' coastline each day. The will to turn Wales' tides into jobs, regeneration, industry and tourism. This is no longer a vision for the future, it's available right now.

With world leaders in Paris seeking unified action on climate change, Wales has the chance to start something with truly global potential. Low carbon, high impact

The Prime Minister has told us that the lagoon can transform its region. The Chancellor has told us of his commitment to the project. Their manifesto for government stands in support of these words. It's now time for action. Time for the Government to back Wales' tides with all the vim and vigour it has offered to Lancashire's shale gas, or Somerset's nuclear, or Yorkshire's carbon capture.

The decision may be taken in Westminster but its impact will be felt across Wales for decades to come. It should be taken before Wales returns to the ballot box.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Kinnock MP, Labour MP for Aberavon Carolyn Harris MP, Labour MP for Swansea East Mark Williams MP, Liberal Democrat MP for Ceredigion Liz Saville-Roberts MP, Plaid Cymru MP for Dwyfor Meirionnydd Caroline Lucas MP, Green MP for Brighton Pavillion