

By email

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Dear Lee,

I am writing in relation to Aberpregwm Colliery.

I understand that Welsh Government has received a pre-action letter by Richard Buxton Solicitors acting on behalf of the Coal Action Network, which argues that it is within the Welsh Government's legal authority to act on this matter as stated by a UK Government's spokesperson in this [article](#).

I would like to understand where this disagreement comes from and whether Welsh Government does in fact have the legal authority to cancel the mining license as argued in the article and pre-action letter.

If it is **indeed shown to be** within the remit of the Welsh Government to cancel this license, I would like to know how the Well-being of Future Generations Act **would be** taken into account when deciding whether or not to take action in relation to this matter. I would be especially interested in how the long-term and prevention ways of working have been used, as well as integration to other Welsh Government policies and commitments in relation to addressing climate change.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
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