

Submitting views on behalf of children and young people

Children and young people are a vital part of this consultation process, these are voices that need to be heard in all efforts to prevent damage to our environment.

The consultation document is long and detailed, but basically the idea I have for a new law is:

- to protect the environment in Scotland;
- to prevent damage to the environment;
- to do this by making a new crime called 'ecocide';
- ecocide is where a person or an organisation does something when they know there is a big risk that it will cause a lot of damage to the environment;
- this can include when they know there is a big risk that the environment will be damaged for a long time.

This is the idea I am really keen to hear views about. So how can you easily respond on behalf of the group of children you work with?

Responding by email

If you work with children and young people who have something to say, please feel free to email me or send me a word document that shares their views to Monica.Lennon.msp@parliament.scot. And let me know that you are happy for the views to be published and tell me the name of the group, this could be a school or early years class, after school club group, eco-committee etc etc. There are a lot of questions in the consultation document but the only one that needs to be answered for the views to count is this one:

Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Ecocide Prevention (Scotland) Bill? Please note that this question is compulsory.

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Do not wish to express a view

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Feel free to then give me some information on why this is the answer the children you support reached. This can be simple text or can be in any format that brings the views to life such as word clouds etc.

Responding to the online survey

For data reasons, the online survey requires children to be 12 or over or we need permission from a parent or carer to accept a response from someone under 12. So teachers and school staff or those involved in childcare may wish to discuss the smartsurvey questions with their class or group of children and fill in the form on their

behalf. At the start of the survey click the box that says responding for an organisation, then fill in the name of your school, youth group, class, eco-committee etc in the box that asks for the name of you organisation.

As long as question one is answered (in bold above), no other questions need to be filled out in order for your response to count and to be published. But of course feel free to fill out as many questions that the children have something to say about.

You can read a copy of our consultation document in full here: [HAVE YOUR SAY - ECOCIDELAW.SCOT](https://www.ecocidelaw.scot.nhs.uk/have-your-say)

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