



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## The Presiding Officer

Edward Mountain MSP  
Convener  
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

3 March 2026

Dear Convener,

### **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February in which you set out your Committee's views on the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill following the Parliament's agreement to the Bill's general principles at Stage 1, and the Bureau's decision on 17 February 2026 to refer the Bill back to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

The Parliamentary Bureau considered the Committee's correspondence at its meeting on 24 February. It also considered a letter dated 18 February received from the Member in Charge of the Bill, Monica Lennon MSP, regarding potential options for how the Bill could progress in the remainder of the parliamentary session.

The Bureau noted the challenges that the Committee identifies in its correspondence including the pressures of its current workload, the limited time remaining in the parliamentary session and the risk of passing rushed legislation.

The Bureau considered the other options for consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 under Standing Orders and agreed not to propose an alternative approach to the consideration of the Bill at Stage 2. In taking this decision, the Bureau was cognisant of the pressures on the workload of committees and the Chamber in the short period remaining this session.

The Bureau also noted the Committee's intention to reflect, in its legacy report, on potential future approaches to legislation in this area, and the change in the deadline for introducing Members' Bills in Session 7.

This letter has also been copied to the Member in Charge for her information.

Yours sincerely

**Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP**  
Presiding Officer