



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Iain Gulland  
Chief Executive  
Zero Waste Scotland

**4 December 2024**

Dear Iain,

### Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025

On 3 December, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee discussed the above regulations and agreed to gather more information from the Scottish Government and various stakeholders before considering the instrument at a future meeting. Please find below a list of questions.

- Has Zero Waste Scotland considered the Regulations from the perspective of how any changes proposed, and the mapping of waste-related activities into new tiers of authorisation, interacts with the Scottish Government's strategic aim to transition to a circular economy?
- Do you have any concerns or points to raise about the Regulations, including any areas where regulation may need to adapt in future e.g. in response to developments in relation to the circular economy?

Given the limited timeframe in which the Committee has to consider the regulations, we would appreciate a response by **Monday 30 December 2024**.

I apologise for this short deadline, which is necessitated by the nature of the parliamentary process for scrutiny of subordinate legislation which allows only 40 days for the Committee to consider. The Committee has requested that the Scottish Government withdraw the regulations and re-lay them early in the New Year to allow the Committee more time for scrutiny. If the Scottish Government agrees to this request, we can revisit this deadline to allow you more time to respond.

Yours sincerely,

**Edward Mountain MSP**  
Convener

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