Environment and Sustainability Committee
Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EFF 279 EPP 279 – Robert, Jaci, Phil, Mary Dunsford

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If these proposals are carried through, their effects upon our environment, wildlife, livelihoods and property values, will far outweigh the benefits gained by the Country in terms of the small amount of energy that will be made and harnessed. It is a tragedy that so much damage can be done by those in power and a travesty of justice that a handful of landowners and businesses can make so much money as a result, the rest of us picking up the tab forever afterwards with higher bills and having to live in a scarred and spoiled countryside, our substance diminished. It really does add insult to injury, injury to insult.

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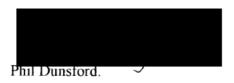
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