

Environment Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

LORD LUCAS

Page 2, line 1, at end insert—

“(e) connecting people with nature.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to help build public sympathy with, and personal experience and understanding of, nature to secure public assent for changes in behaviour required by the other four areas, and to promote wellbeing.

Page 2, line 5, at end insert—

“(c) the reasons why that particular target and that particular date have been chosen, and the evidence on which those choices have been based.”

Page 2, line 7, at end insert—

“(5A) Regulations under this section must make provision about undertaking research into the reasons why a target is not being met, regionally or nationally.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to make sure that the reasons why targets are not being met is understood and evidenced so that remedies can be accurately and efficiently targeted.

After Clause 2

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

As an amendment to Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park’s first amendment printed on sheet HL Bill 16(a)

In subsection (4), leave out from “would” to end and insert “—

(a) in the first instance, further the objective of halting a decline in the abundance of species, and

After Clause 2 - continued

- (b) once the decline in the abundance of species has been halted, contribute to growth in the abundance of species.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment to the amendment on “abundance of species” in the name of the Minister would require the Secretary of State, when setting or amending the target, to do so in a way that satisfies them that once the decline in biodiversity is halted, the abundance of species will begin to grow.

Insert the following new Clause –

“Environmental targets: plastics reduction

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations set a target (the “plastics reduction target”) in respect of a matter relating to the volume of non-essential single-use plastics in circulation.
- (2) The specified date for the plastics reduction target must be 31 December 2030.
- (3) Accordingly, the plastics reduction target is not a long-term target and the duty in subsection (1) is in addition to (and does not discharge) the duty in section 1(2) to set a long-term target in relation to resource efficiency and waste reduction.
- (4) Before making regulations under subsection (1) which set or amend a target the Secretary of State must be satisfied that meeting the target, or the amended target, would further the objective of reducing the volume of non-essential single-use plastics in circulation.
- (5) Section 1(4) to (9) applies to the plastics reduction target and to regulations under this section as it applies to targets set under section 1 and to regulations under that section.
- (6) In this Part “the plastics reduction target” means the target set under subsection (1).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to introduce a target for reducing the volume of non-essential single-use plastic items in circulation in the economy and society. The Clause is modelled on an amendment from Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park, which implements a similar target relating to the abundance of species.

Clause 22

LORD LUCAS

Page 13, line 25, at end insert –

- “(5A) The strategy must contain a truth and openness policy that sets out –
- (a) how the OEP intends to establish a curated resource containing high quality research and information from a diverse range of sources and viewpoints to enable citizens to evaluate environmental policies,
 - (b) how the OEP intends to secure that all information sources on which environmental policy is based are available for unrestricted viewing and use by the public, and

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- (c) how the OEP intends to ensure that all government environmental policies are supported by a full evidence base, taking a holistic approach and covering all aspects of their impact.”

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Page 13, line 32, at end insert –

- “(ba) how the OEP intends to determine whether the protected provisions of the REACH Regulation set out in Schedule 20 are being upheld,
(bb) how the OEP intends to exercise its enforcement functions where a breach of obligation is found to have occurred under paragraph (ba),”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the OEP’s strategy to consider (a) how it will ensure that protected provisions of the REACH Regulation (including the principle that animal testing should only be used as a last resort) are being upheld, and (b) how its enforcement functions may be applied in the case of breaches of protected provisions.

Clause 24

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Leave out Clause 24 and insert the following new Clause –

“OEP independence

In performing its functions, the OEP is not subject to the direction or control of the Secretary of State or any member of Her Majesty’s Government.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This revised Clause seeks to ensure beyond doubt the independence of the OEP.

After Clause 87

BARONESS PARMINTER

Insert the following new Clause –

“Household water demand

- (1) The Secretary of State must by January 2023 introduce regulations to require water-using appliances to meet water efficiency standards and to bear appropriate labelling and must in particular –
 - (a) establish appropriate standards to achieve Government objectives for reducing water demand, and
 - (b) establish the appropriate labelling format.
- (2) The Secretary of State must by January 2023 amend Part G of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/2214) to –
 - (a) require all fittings to meet specified minimum water efficiency requirements, and
 - (b) specify such water efficiency requirements.

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- (3) Standards as introduced under subsection (1)(a) and (2)(b) must be reviewed every 5 years to assess their contribution to meeting government objectives for reducing water demand.
- (4) The Secretary of State must bring forward regulations by January 2023 to require water companies to progress compulsory smart water metering linked to charging by volume for all customers by 2035.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of this new Clause is to introduce measures to reduce household water demand.

Clause 97

LORD TEVERSON

Page 99, line 3, after “England” insert “and its territorial waters”

Member’s explanatory statement

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Clause 98

LORD TEVERSON

Page 99, line 14, at end insert –

“(1A) The local nature recovery strategy must be drawn up in consultation with the area’s Local Nature Partnership”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that England’s network of Local Nature Partnerships are partners in the process of delivering local nature recovery strategies.

Page 99, line 14, at end insert –

“(1A) The responsible authority must include any adjacent territorial waters in its local nature recovery strategy.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that an area’s adjacent territorial waters are included in a Nature Recovery strategy.

Clause 99

LORD LUCAS

Page 100, line 29, at end insert –

“(4A) A local drainage board which covers part of the area of a local nature recovery strategy, and the Environment Agency, must collaborate in giving effect to that strategy.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that, once a set of environmental objectives have been agreed for a wetland, agencies with the power to achieve those objectives are obliged to help do so.

Clause 100

LORD TEVERSON

Page 101, line 14, at end insert –

“(7) The Secretary of State must agree with each responsible authority how the local nature recovery strategy shall be resourced.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to agree with each responsible authority how the local nature recovery strategy will be resourced.

After Clause 100

LORD TEVERSON

Insert the following new Clause –

“The United Kingdom Exclusive Economic Zone for England

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare and publish a nature recovery strategy for the United Kingdom Exclusive Economic Zone for England.
- (2) The strategy may be divided regionally.
- (3) Fisheries Management Plans drawn up under the Fisheries Act 2020 must be compatible with any existing nature recovery strategy for the United Kingdom Exclusive Economic Zone for England
- (4) The nature recovery strategy for the United Kingdom Exclusive Economic Zone for England is to be reviewed and republished from time to time by the Secretary of State.”

After Clause 104

LORD LUCAS

Insert the following new Clause –

“Animal By-Products Regulations: power to amend general duties

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2952), as they apply in relation to England, for the purpose in subsection (2).

After Clause 104 - continued

- (2) The purpose is to allow, subject to specified safeguards, fallen stock that is wild-kept as part of a rewilding project to remain on the land for consumption by necrophagous birds.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to allow rewilding to result in the re-establishment of a complete ecosystem, provision should be made for animals and other organisms that rely on animal carcasses for part or all of their nutrition.

After Clause 109

LORD TEVERSON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Local Nature Partnerships

Within six months of the passing of this Act the Secretary of State must open a consultation on the role, powers and resourcing of Local Nature Partnerships, together with their specific role in delivering local nature recovery strategies.”

Schedule 6

LORD LUCAS

Page 170, line 20, at end insert –

“(1A) The relevant national authority must, in respect of any regulations that it makes under Part 3 of this Act, provide specified information about the resource efficiency of the regulations.”

Schedule 14

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Page 218, line 37, leave out “maintained for at least 30 years” and insert “consistent with the terms of the biodiversity gain plan and maintained in perpetuity”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires a habitat created under net gain to be secured in perpetuity.

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