

# Environment Bill

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## AMENDMENTS

### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*[For Fifth Marshalled List]*

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#### Clause 97

LORD TEVERSON

Page 99, line 9, leave out subsection (5) and insert –

- “(5) The responsible authority has the duty of implementing the local nature recovery strategy.
- (6) Other public authorities have a duty to cooperate with the responsible authority to implement the local nature recovery strategy.”

#### After Clause 133

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

Insert the following new Clause –

#### “Ecocide

- (1) A person who commits ecocide is guilty of an offence.
- (2) “Ecocide” means unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts.
- (3) In subsection (2) –
  - “act” includes a failure to act;
  - “environment” means the earth, its biosphere, cryosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere;
  - “long-term” means damage which is irreversible or which cannot be redressed through natural recovery within a reasonable period of time;
  - “severe” means damage which involves very serious adverse changes, disruption or harm to any element of the environment, including grave impacts on human life or natural, cultural or economic resources;
  - “wanton” means with reckless disregard for damage which would be clearly excessive in relation to the social and economic benefits anticipated;

**After Clause 133 - continued**

“widespread” means damage which extends beyond a limited geographic area, crosses state boundaries, or is suffered by an entire ecosystem or species or a large number of human beings.

- (4) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate, and it is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to neglect on the part of—
  - (a) a director, manager, secretary or similar officer of the body corporate, or
  - (b) a person who was purporting to act in such a capacity,the director, manager, secretary, officer or person, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (5) The offence under this section is triable only on indictment.
- (6) A person convicted of an offence is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 years.”

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