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Subject: Wildlife and Natural Environment Bill

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to respond to the proposed Wildlife and Natural Environment Bill as follows:

Snares - clause 10: There can be no justification for any use of snares. They should be outlawed with punitive punishments for offenders, given the inhumane suffering that an animal caught in a snare suffers.

Penalties - Clause 22: As above - wildlife crimes are just that and should be enforced with punitive punishments.

Schedule 5 - Irish Hare: a priority species and yet there seems to be little evidence of protection or support for this species. The Irish Hare needs protection at all times and should therefore be placed on Schedule 5.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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