

Background to the CEE Bill and the Nature and Climate Declaration

Climate & Ecology (CEE) Bill

On 12 August 2020 the CEE Bill Alliance launched the campaign for the Climate & Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill, which was presented to Parliament on 2 September 2020. This is a Private Member's Bill written by scientists, lawyers and activists. It is gathering support from a broad range of campaign groups, businesses, charities and individuals. The Bill has the potential to become the most significant move forward since the Climate Change Act 2008, which also notably started as a Private Member's Bill.

At the time of writing, 120 MPs, 31 Peers, and 191 councils have supported the Bill.

In summary, the Bill will set an emergency path for the UK to follow. It will see the creation of a Citizens' Assembly that will put forward recommendations contributing to the work of both the UK Government and UK Parliament in delivering an essential climate and ecological emergency strategy.

The Climate & Ecology Bill sets out a whole-of-government emergency plan to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels and reverse the destruction of nature. The Bill is about:

1. Tackling the climate and nature crises together.
2. Doing our fair share to cut UK emissions and stay below 1.5°C of global warming.
3. Halting and reverse UK biodiversity loss by 2030.
4. Taking responsibility for the entirety of our global carbon and ecological footprints.
5. Involving the public in a fair way forward.

Nature & Climate Declaration

The Alliance's Nature & Climate declaration calls on the UK Government to deal with critical risks to our heritage, communities and future prosperity by:

1. Fulfilling our fair share of emissions reductions to ensure that the average global temperature increase will not exceed 1.5°C.
2. Halting and reversing biodiversity decline by 2030.
3. Delivering a more ambitious and integrated environmental protection and decarbonisation plan.

Full details of the CEE Bill and the Nature & Climate Declaration can be found at www.cebill.uk/