

News Release

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Scottish Environment LINK welcome climate targets

Scottish Environment LINK, the umbrella group of environment NGOs in Scotland, today (Thursday 30th March) welcomed the commitment to a Scottish climate target as set out in the Scottish Executive's new climate change programme "Changing Our Ways".

Fred Edwards, President of Scottish Environment Link said:

"Climate change is a greater danger to our children and our children's children than terrorism, it threatens food security and will exacerbate the already difficult freshwater position in the World.

We welcome the Government's announcement to set Scottish targets to reduce emissions. We have long argued that this is a key part of ensuring that Scotland makes progress in tackling climate change."

"We will now be keeping a close eye on the implementation of the strategy to ensure that it results in real cuts in climate emissions from Scotland."

Editors' Notes

(1) Scottish Environment LINK is the network for Scotland's voluntary sector environmental organisations. LINK has 36 member organisations spanning interests across the natural environment and associated cultural heritage and supported by around 500,000 people. Further information on LINK is available at www.scotlink.org The every**one** campaign is a LINK network initiative enabling people who care about their environment to find out about current issues and take action online or at events - further information is available at www.everyonecan.org

(2) 'Changing Our Ways – Scotland's Climate Change Programme' released by the Scottish Executive today.

(3) For more information contact: James Reynolds, RSPB Scotland's national media officer, or Climate Task Force convenor, Clifton Bain, both on 0131 311 6500.