

**Welsh Liberal
Democrats**

**Democratiaid
Rhyddfrydol Cymru**



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Protecting Our Rivers

Conference notes:

- A. Dwr Cymru has admitted to illegally spilling untreated sewage across Wales for years.**
- B. Figures show that Dwr Cymru has between 40 and 50 wastewater treatment plants operating in breach of their permits.**
- C. Figures show that 6 out of the top 10 areas across the UK for sewage discharges in 2022 were in Wales.**
- D. Dwr Cymru bosses have received £2.6m between 2020-2022, including £931m in performance related bonuses.**
- E. Dwr Cymru customers have the second highest bills in England and Wales.**

Conference regrets the failure of the Welsh Labour Government to take action on river pollution and sewage infrastructure across the country.

Conference calls on the Welsh Government to:

- 1. Launch independent and comprehensive review of the performance and operation of Dwr Cymru.**
- 2. End performance-related bonuses for company bosses at least until performance improves relative to Natural Resources Wales and Ofwat ratings.**
- 3. Pass tougher regulations on sewage dumping, including tougher sanctions and penalties for instances of sewage discharges and illegal sewage dumping.**