



APRS
The Association for the
Protection of Rural Scotland

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MANIFESTO PROPOSALS – CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Proposed Manifesto Wording

"We will bring forward world-leading legislation to support a circular Scottish economy, one that minimises waste and litter while building in resource efficiency. Manufacturers and importers will remain responsible for goods and all packaging at the end of their life, with incentives that promote reduction, then re-use, and then recycling."

Circular Economy

A circular economy is one in which products, services and systems are designed to maximise their value and minimise waste. In simple terms, it can be explained as 'make, use, remake' as opposed to 'make, use, dispose'.

The Scottish Government postponed its proposed Circular Economy Bill in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. This should be reintroduced as soon as possible, focussed on implementing the waste hierarchy of reduction, re-use and recycling in that order of priority.

This may involve some unnecessary and environmentally damaging products being banned completely, and charges or deposits being applied to others as appropriate.

Extended Producer Responsibility

The concept of Extended Producer Responsibility means that all producers take full responsibility for the eventual re-use or recycling of all goods and packaging which they produce. It is one of the key elements of moving towards a more circular economy. Deposit return on drinks containers, for which APRS ran a successful campaign from 2015, is a form of producer responsibility.

Further Information

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