

Oxford UCU Branch Motion

Passed at Extraordinary General Meeting on 14th January 2025

Motion in support of the Climate and Nature (CAN) Bill

This branch notes:

- The Climate and Nature (CAN) Bill will have its second hearing in parliament on Friday the 24th of January, having been denied parliamentary time during the previous Conservative government
- The CAN bill will bring more ambitious actions for addressing our climate and nature crises into legislation, and with greater urgency:
 - Meeting the UK's commitment to reducing emissions required to prevent catastrophic climate change, reducing the UK's greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C, including emissions overseas
 - Building on the Environment Act to reverse biodiversity loss by 2030
 - Holding a climate and nature assembly to work with the UK government to develop an emergency strategy
- While many MPs have already committed to attend the parliamentary session and support the bill, many MPs have not made such a commitment, including the MP for Oxford East, Anneliese Dodds, who is the parliamentary representative for a significant number of our branch members

This branch believes:

- As one of the world's most nature-depleted countries, the UK government must increase its ambition and action in line with the science
- It is imperative that MPs back the CAN bill in parliament, as it includes stricter, more comprehensive and scientifically literate climate and biodiversity targets than current legislation
- Such targets have a greater chance of effectively restricting the effects of extreme weather, food systems disruption and depletion of the natural world, all of which have a direct impact upon our members
- The climate and nature assembly included in the CAN bill provides essential democratic accountability and fairness to the process of the climate change mitigation and adaptation

This branch resolves to:

1. As a branch, author and sign a letter urging MPs to attend the session and support the bill, with text based on the UCU template letter for branches
2. Send this letter to MPs representing Oxford: Layla Moran and Anneliese Dodds
3. Include a point in the next branch bulletin urging members to write their own letters to MPs

More details and the template for the branch letter and individual letters can be found here:

<https://www.ucu.org.uk/article/13792/Urge-your-MP-to-support-the-Climate--Nature-Bill>