Supporting the CE Bill

**Council Notes:**

1. The Climate and Ecology Bill, formerly named the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, is a private member's bill before the Parliament of the United Kingdom aimed at tackling the climate and biodiversity crises.
2. The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the climate emergency.
3. The science behind the Bill was developed and supported by several scientists at the University of Oxford, including Professor EJ Milner-Gulland (Department of Biology), Professor Joseph Bull (Department of Biology), Professor Yadvinder Malhi, Professor Amy Dickman, and Professor Michael Bonsall.
4. The Bill is a cross-party bill, with the support of over 160 Peers and MPs from all major political parties; it is not associated with any particular political party.
5. A number of students and staff within the University also support the Bill.
6. The Bill is seeking support from institutions to show MPs and the Government desire for the Bill’s adoption.

**Council Believes:**

1. In alignment with the Oxford Student Union and University of Oxford’s commitment to achieve Net Zero and become Nature Positive, the Climate and Ecology Bill is an important piece of legislation that should be supported to further climate action in the UK.
2. As a global university, the Student Union should support the Bill to promote climate justice internationally.
3. In supporting the Bill, the Student Union would evidence to the University students’ desire for climate action, encouraging the University itself to pledge support.

**Council Resolves:**

1. To formally support the Climate and Ecology Bill by signing up to [Zero Hour Oxfordshire's open letter](https://www.ceebillallianceoxon.co.uk/open-letter/) to all Oxfordshire MPs (<https://www.ceebillallianceoxon.co.uk/open-letter/>) which asks that they back the Bill.
2. To campaign that the University of Oxford also pledges support to the Bill.
3. To work with Zero Hour Oxfordshire on a joint press release to document the passing of this motion and its implications.

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