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## DOES WALES NEED MORE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION?

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Leading business figures in Wales reveal their opinions on a hot topic of the moment

**NO**  
**DAVE OTT, BARRY SITE MANAGER, DOW CORNING**  
 "We need more cooperation between businesses and the Environment Agency to create win-win situations for the environment and the companies that are critical to the Welsh economy. If we share our expertise with one another we will end up with better solutions than if we work in isolation."

**NO**  
**NEAL STEPHENS, MANAGING DIRECTOR, WILLMOTT DIXON IN WALES**  
 "Better enforcement of what is already there is more to the point. Clear communication and consultation in the construction industry is paramount when considering the environmental impact on projects. All too often when we read about environmental impact it revolves around breaches of statute and prosecutions."

**NO**  
**ROBERT LLOYD GRIFFITHS, WALES DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS**  
 "Let's not leap into new laws but create a better understanding of those already on the statute books. Greater communication and information dissemination must take place so that businesses understand how best they can play their part in addressing this crucial issue for us all."

**NO**  
**BETH WINKLEY, HEAD OF WRAP CYMRU**  
 "Change should not be enforced on businesses through legislation. Instead, to change behaviour, the benefits of change should be communicated to them, and they should be provided with practical tools to allow them to do so. Ultimately, waste reduction leads to better efficiency, lower costs and a positive reputation."

**NO**  
**RICHARD HAYWARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HAWTIN**  
 "All the regulatory bodies the state has created has out a huge burden on businesses, to the point that if it continues we will grind to a halt. Our impact on the environment is much more complex than some of the simplistic solutions being promoted would suggest. The environmental issue has been exaggerated to create more 'jobs for the boys'."

**NO**  
**IAN HUNTER, SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY LEADER, EEF WALES**  
 "Regulation for the sake of regulation is bad for business. That said, industry must also be aware that regulation will continue to be introduced when linked to issues such as climate change. The challenge for manufacturers is to monitor change and develop processes that enable them to work competitively within the framework of regulation."

**NO**  
**ROY J THOMAS, DIRECTOR, CARDIFF BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**  
 "Regulation means business will do the minimum. A successful business is already two steps ahead of government policy and understands issues such as efficiency of energy supply and waste management because they affect the bottom line. Government can learn from business and gain progress in the green economy together, not apart."

**NO**  
**ROBERT CHAPMAN, DIRECTOR, ROBERT CHAPMAN & CO**  
 "We need more regulation like a hole in the head. Smaller companies have enough to deal with. Sustainability encompasses the three pillars: economic, social and environmental. From an economic point of view, business is already heavily burdened. The social and environmental can be dealt with by self-motivation and care for the environment."

**NO**  
**TRACEY JENKINS, DIRECTOR, INTROBIZ**  
 "Although it is crucial to protect our environment, it is equally important that Wales becomes self-sustainable, and we should not let regulation get in the way of progress for many of the environmental schemes in the pipeline for Wales, or the impact these will have on Welsh businesses."

**NO**  
**GARY LOO, DIRECTOR, BOYES REES ARCHITECTS**  
 "We need more collaboration between the private and public sectors to encourage more innovation and the sharing of best practice in terms of the environment."