

ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

ROYAL COMMISSION INVITES COMMENTS ON TOPICS FOR FUTURE STUDY

The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution¹ today issued a short list of topics it is considering for its next study, and is inviting comments on these. It would also welcome suggestions on other topics that it should consider for study.

The proposed topics², in alphabetical order, are:

- Climate adaptation in the UK
- Environment and human wellbeing
- Geoengineering for climate change
- Noise pollution
- Phosphate management
- Plastics and the environment
- The electromagnetic environment
- Water management

The Chair of the Royal Commission, Sir John Lawton, said today: "I think this is a diverse list, and any one of these topics could make a worthwhile study. To help the Commission decide what we should investigate, we very much want to hear views about each of these topics, and whether they are appropriate. We would also like to hear about any other topics not listed here but should be considered. The comments and suggestions we receive will help us identify a substantive topic that needs investigation from an environmental point of view."

The Royal Commission welcomes views from anyone who wishes to contribute. The deadline for responses is Friday 24 August 2007.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

¹ The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution is an independent body, appointed by the Queen and funded by the government, which publishes in-depth reports on what it identifies as the crucial environmental issues facing the UK and the world. The Commission's full reports are presented to Parliament.

² Further information on each of these topics can be found at <http://www.rcep.org.uk/futurestudy07.htm>

FURTHER INFORMATION

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