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DAVID TORRANCE MSP MAKING EARTH HOUR 2017 MATTER
KIRKCALDY CONSTITUENCY MSP CALLS FOR PUBLIC TO HELP IN PROTECTING CLIMATE



David Torrance MSP is making WWF's Earth Hour matter this year by showing his support for a strong Climate Change Plan for Scotland.

This year's switch off event takes place at 8.30pm on Saturday 25 March. Around the world homes, workplaces and iconic landmarks will be going dark for an hour in the world's biggest demonstration of support for action on climate change.

In Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, Forth Rail Bridge, Falkirk Wheel and the Kelpies are just a few of the famous landmarks marking the hour.

Urging his constituents to join in, David Torrance MSP said:

"Climate change is one of the most serious threats to our planet. It is fundamentally important we take action to address this threat without delay.

“I am delighted that the Scottish Government’s draft Climate Change Plan is proposing serious steps towards to make sure Scotland plays its part in making a sustainable, green economy for the future.

“The public can also play their part through WWF’s Earth Hour, and I’d encourage everyone to take this as an opportunity to think about their own environmental impact and how they can help protect the planet for generations to come.”

Lang Banks, director of WWF Scotland said:

“Yet again Earth Hour is capturing the public’s imagination with thousands of people across the country gearing up to take part and show they care about our planet. From church groups to classrooms full of children its important decision makers, politicians and business leaders are left in no doubt people care about the impacts of climate change and want action.

“With the Scottish Parliament currently considering a draft Climate Change Plan, it’s great to see so many MSPs signalling their support for strong action to cut climate emissions. The enthusiasm of the public and politicians should give the Scottish Government the confidence to push on to a low-carbon economy.”

Now in its tenth year, WWF’s Earth Hour continues to grow. Last year 178 countries and took part.

You can sign up for Earth Hour at www.wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour

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NOTES TO EDITORS

For more information on WWF Earth Hour, please visit:

<http://wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour>

In Scotland WWF's Earth Hour is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery and the Scottish Government.

The draft Climate Change Plan was published by the Scottish Government on January 19th 2017: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/01/2768#>

The Scottish Parliament is currently scrutinising the draft Climate Change Plan:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/101412.aspx>

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