

# Scotland's Circular Economy Bill

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# Why do we need a CE Bill in Scotland?

- The way we use materials in Scotland is unsustainable and unfair.
- The products we buy aren't designed to last and are difficult to repair.
- But the more we buy, the greater the impact on people and the planet.



Image: Greenpeace



- Asking people to recycle more is not enough.
- We need system change.
- Government's need to make big businesses take responsibilities for the products they sell.



# What is the circular economy bill?

The [Circular Economy Bill](#) (CEB) was introduced to the Scottish Parliament in June 2023.

Stage	When is it happening?	What happens at this stage?
1	Sept 23 - Jan 24 (expected to Mar 24)	NZET evidence gathering and report. Parliament debate and vote on whether a law is needed.
2	Mar 24 – Spring 24	Net Zero Committee reviews the Bill, line by line, first amendments
3	Spring 24 – Summer/autumn 24	Parliament final amendments and vote.



# Does the Bill support reuse?

- Reuse is mentioned once – possible targets on reuse in secondary legislation
- Still focused on waste & recycling
- The Bill does not hold big businesses to account
- No urgency
- Route Map shows non-legislative approach is unlikely to be successful



# What are we calling for?



FoES are calling for a CE legal framework which includes:

- A clear and comprehensive definition of CE
- Targets to reduce our consumption
- Policies to ensure producers are responsible for cleaning up their products
- Better access to & support for reuse and repair services
- High quality, standardised reuse & recycling services for everyone

# How to get involved in the CE Bill



1. Write to & meet with your MSPs and ask them to support the changes you want to see in the Bill
2. Voice your concerns through allies (Circular Communities Scotland, FoES)
3. Respond to the Waste Route Map consultation (15<sup>th</sup> March)

<https://foe.scot/resource/circular-economy-bill-briefing/>

<https://foe.scot/resource/circular-economy-organisers-pack/>

**Thank you for listening**

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