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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you about the Sealink project. I feel that following reports from Ofgem and the National Audit Office serious questions have arisen about the deliverability, final cost, and value for money.

I really do welcome the Government's approach of reducing energy costs for consumers, but surely it is essential that Government takes a long hard look at these projects that are being proposed, and ensure that they will deliver for the consumer and not for a private company's shareholders, which seems to be the way of things at the moment.

Sealink is now assessed as costing 3.2 billion, when National Grid said it was going to cost 1.1 billion. As a country can we really afford to let these private companies get away with such behaviour, can we afford another HS2?

Is it not about time that a politician really did stand up for the consumers and the people affected by such projects. We need to get back to a position where voters feel that they can trust politicians to do the right thing and really look into the best option to achieve the desired outcome not just sign off on a project which is deeply flawed and will possibly lead to an outcome where the only beneficiaries are the shareholders and employees of private companies. This did not work with the water companies, should private companies now be given the mandate of supplying power and upgrading the system?

I know SEAS have identified another way that energy can be delivered rather than the Sea Link project, please take a look at it and don't be afraid to stand up for the little people. It would be great if after 14 years we could have someone who will take a long term, strategic approach to our energy needs.

My fingers are crossed that it is you,

Yours sincerely,
Jacqueline Lloyd