

THIS ELECTION, HELP US TO MAKE BIG BIOMASS A BIG DEAL

2019 GENERAL ELECTION: A VITAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CLIMATE ACTION & AN END TO BIOMASS BURNING

Among the many other important issues which will be decided, this election is a vital opportunity to call on parliamentary candidates to take urgent action to protect our forests, our wildlife, our communities and our climate.

What's wrong with biomass burning?

The biomass industry is clear-felling vast areas of biodiverse forests in Europe and the Southern USA to burn in UK power stations like Drax in Yorkshire.

This clear-felling and biomass burning is devastating natural forests, threatening wildlife, polluting communities and making the climate crisis worse.

What are the solutions?

A key solution to stopping deforestation for biomass burning is to transfer the huge subsidies from biomass power stations to renewable wind, wave and solar power.

As well as supporting renewable energy, it is also vital to save our existing natural forests and restore them rather than replace them with monoculture industrial tree plantations.



Biofuelwatch's General Election Priorities for Parliamentary Candidates

- Support the transfer of around £1.3 billion in UK renewable subsidies from biomass burning to genuinely renewable wind, wave and solar power
- No longer classifying the industrial burning of wood as renewable energy
- Recognising that bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) is not a climate solution

What can I do?

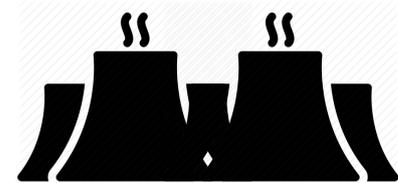
We are calling on parliamentary candidates to sign our pledge committing to scrap biomass subsidies.

You can ask your candidates to sign, or take a picture with the pledge by:

1. **Email your candidates** (template on our website)
2. **Tweet at your candidates** (templates on our website)
3. **Ask a question** at a hustings, when approached on the doorstep, or on your local radio station

Example Hustings Question

Will your party continue the current high levels of subsidies for industrial biomass burning, or transfer these subsidies to renewable energy?



Read more about how you can get involved at:
<https://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/general-election-2019/>

Questions? Email us at biofuelwatch@gmail.com

