A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment

This Union Notes:

1. Climate change is an increasingly threatening issue, to the human race, specifically poorer island nations who are in danger of flooding.1
2. Single use plastics leach toxins into food and drink, and take a long time to degrade.2
3. The Marine Conservation Society currently holds a ‘Plastic Challenge’ which challenges people to stop using single-use plastics due to their detrimental effect on marine wildlife.3

This Union Believes:

1. Warwick SU should take an active role in protecting the environment, following the lead of Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Michael Gove.
2. Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’, Michael Gove’s, work on the environment should be commended, and his efforts to strengthen environmental legislation celebrated.
3. Warwick SU should support environmental legislation, which has a global influence and safeguards future generations.
4. Phasing out single-use plastics would benefit the local, and worldwide environment.
5. It must be noted that single-use plastics can be required/preferred for people with certain access needs or disabilities."

This Union Resolves:

1. Warwick SU to back Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’, Michael Gove’s, plan entitled “A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment” to ensure the future of our environment.
2. The SU President to send a letter to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Michael Gove, encouraging him to see through his plan entitled: “A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment” and show the Union’s support for it, where and when feasible.4
3. The Democracy & Development Officer should aim to phase out using single use plastics in the SU in line with Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’, Michael Gove’s, plan: “A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment” as soon as it is feasible to do so, being sure to take accessibility issues into account.
4. The Environment And Ethics Officer to promote the Marine Conservation Society’s ‘Plastic Challenge’ encouraging students to sign up online, in order to encourage using single-use plastics less, being sure to take accessibility issues into account.

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