

Climate change consultation
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Dear Liz

I enclose my response to the Climate Change consultation.

Regards

Mike Jones

1. What are your views on allowing the Forestry Commissioners to enter into joint ventures, with the intention of participating in renewable energy programmes on the national forest estate?

I welcome this, but think it is important that the money generated from such ventures remains within the Forestry Commission and is used to fund biodiversity, recreation and social programmes

2. What are your views on allowing Scottish Ministers and Forestry Commissioners to offer leases and cutting rights over parts of the national forest estate?

Completely opposed to this. My main objection is that this will starve the remaining parts of FCS of much-needed funding. FCS is already desperately short of the money it needs to fulfil the government's high expectations, and I can not see how removing our main funding stream will be anything other than a total financial disaster.

3. What are your views on (i) transferring the proceeds from leases and cutting rights to a not-for profit trust, for investment in woodland creation; (ii) transferring the landlord's interest in this land to a not-for profit trust; and (iii) Ministers stipulating the constitution of such a not-for profit trust.

I consider these to be irrelevant considerations.

4. Are there other actions which need to be taken, or are there other changes in legislation which need to be made, in order to allow the public and private forestry sector to contribute to Scotland's target of reducing emissions by 80% by 2050? If so, please outline what these are.

Specify, and legislate for greater use of wood in construction and in new heating and power plants