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Subject: Consultation on forestry provisions in the Scottish Climate Change Bill

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?

This is a bad proposal and will cost the FC jobs and any money gleamed will be used out-with the Forestry Commission.

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?

I think this is also a bad proposal as "the cutting rights" will only be worth bidding for on good parts, leaving the unviable parts, (where we have no FC harvesting and so no work/jobs).

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) this would be good if it is ring fenced for "woodland creation".  
(ii) I am a bit worried about this "trust" and what it will be used for.  
(iii) same as (ii).

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.

1. plant more trees. 2. invest in a massive tree planting program. 3. invest in the present FC for a stronger future FC.