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Dear Ms Kirk,

at the meeting of the Ballater and Crathie Community Council on Monday 8th December 2008, it was unanimously agreed to oppose the proposals outlined in your invitation to respond to the consultation, as strongly as possible, expressing our dismay that any authority would wish to negate the delivery of strategic national resources following agreed principles, scientific control and management built up during the recent century. In rural areas we recognise long-term development and do not like to see losing hard-won experience for an apparently immediate squandering of grand-children's need. As petro-chemicals increase in value, so will timber and the development of other non-polluting energy-systems will result in waste bio-mass, rather than the use of mature forest for those purposes.

Therefore the answers to your questions are:- 1. There are partnerships in ordinary sales already which produce fast-growth trees for low-transport bio-energy.

2. The usual methods of sales and harvest should, as always, be under the control and audit of the Forestry Commission, Scotland, who have been managing this for years and have as good an idea of the rates of growth and markets over the next 50 years as anyone.

3. We are totally opposed to any proposal to transfer authority from an efficient public service which provides satisfactory and consistent terms for tax-payers, to anything else.

4. Leave the Forestry Commission, Scotland and private owners and managers to negotiate commercial terms under fair and consistent tax regimes to supply the market without perpetual changes in policy, 'targets', or so-called 'objectives' or wasting time on filling in forms galore before any action can be taken.

We have no objection to this response being made public.

Yours faithfully,

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