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Dear Liz,

Please find below my response to the Consultation on forestry provisions in the Scottish Climate Change Bill;

1) I support the idea of joint venture projects.

2) Leasing - this is a very BAD idea and I am totally opposed to it.

We cannot predict what projects will be necessary or viable in the future but we can predict that land will be required to implement them.

How can these projects go ahead in the future if the land is leased to a private company? i.e. the company cannot sell the land as it is only leased! The government cannot sell the land as it is already leased!

The government through FCS must retain the flexibility to make the best possible use of land in these times of an evolving climate - physical, technological and financial.

We must preserve our heritage for our future.

3) In view of the above, I see no necessity for another layer of expensive bureaucracy in the form of a trust.

4) I welcome the Climate Change Bill as another step in our government's positive attitude towards climate change.

In view of the enormous potential along the West Coast of Scotland for micro renewable energy projects, legislation should be aimed at flexibility in order to facilitate the implementation of worthwhile projects.

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