

# Response ID ANON-59S3-3VSN-X

Submitted to **Consultation: Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy**  
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## Welcome

## Introduction

### Section 1 - Does a changing context need a changing vision?

#### Q1 Do you feel this vision still reflects the outcomes we need to achieve?

No

#### Q2 If not, what key changes would you like to see for a new Land Use vision?

##### Please enter any changes you would like to see for the vision:

Overall, we agree with the vision which sets the wider context for the more detailed and specific changes which need to occur. We would however like to see greater emphasis on the need to break down the silos that exist around farming, forestry, sporting and other land uses and see the vision embrace an integrated approach to land management.

If land is managed in an integrated way, it can deliver more in the way of outcomes to society; we would like to see these outcomes better defined in terms of the environmental, social and economic benefits which will be delivered.

There needs to be more context as to what "wellbeing of our nation" means it is a very subjective and catchall term. Does it relate to the people in the nation, the land or species within it?

### Section 1 - Does a changing context need a changing vision?

#### Q3 Do you think any of the above objectives need updating? If so, please indicate which you think needs changes. You can tick all that apply.

"Land based businesses working with nature to contribute more to Scotland's prosperity" should be changed, "Responsible stewardship of Scotland's natural resources delivering more benefits to Scotland's people" should be changed

#### Q4 If you consider that one or more objectives need updating, please explain what changes you would like to see in the objective(s). Please make sure you state clearly which objective each suggestion relates to.

##### Please type changes you would like to make to the objectives here:

Our members are frequently involved in diverse activities and they seek to manage their land holdings in an integrated way where different activities complement each other. Integrated land management is at the heart of what our members do. We would like to see the Land Use Strategy objectives better reflect the positive work already underway.

### Section 2 - Achieving the objectives: getting the best from our land

#### Q5 Before reading this document were you aware of the pressures on our land?

Strongly aware of all pressures on our land

#### Q6 Are you aware of ways people can get involved in land use matters within your local area?

Yes

### Section 3 - Using landscapes to talk about land use

#### Section 3 - Urban

#### Section 3 - Peri-urban

#### Section 3 - Fertile land

#### Section 3 - Marginal land

#### Section 3 - Uplands

### Section 3 - Semi-natural land

### Section 3 - Rivers and water bodies

### Section 3 - Coastal

### Section 3 - Islands

### Section 3 - Offshore

### Section 3 - Landscape Questions

**Q7 Do you think the landscapes are an effective way to communicate Scottish Government policy?**

I don't know

**Please enter any comments:**

But we do have concerns that this could lead to silo thinking.

It is important to understand that land type can change very rapidly, from field to field, it is not as simple as highlands = uplands and Fife = fertile land. The Eastern Borders is a very good example of having some of the most fertile and productive land in the country as well as hill and moorland.

**Q8 Under each landscape we have identified three sub headings: Climate Change, Biodiversity and Communities. Do you feel these capture the crosscutting themes that are important to all of Scotland?**

No

**Please enter any comments:**

Rural jobs should be included. The importance of land-based jobs and the raft of benefits these provide to rural communities and the rural environment alike should not be underestimated.

**Q9 Does the content of the Land Use Strategy and the manner in which it has been presented, demonstrate that the Scottish Government is taking steps to help deliver sustainable land use?**

Yes

**Please enter any comments:**

### Section 4 - Equality: call for evidence

**Q10 If you have lived experience or have studied the impacts of land use, land use change, or access to the outdoors on age, disability, sex, pregnancy and maternity, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, please provide us with details about this in the box below.**

**Please enter your response to the question here, or you can upload a file below:**

**If applicable, choose a file to upload:**

No file was uploaded

### Section 4 - Equality: call for evidence

**Q11 Are you aware of any examples of how the Land Use Strategy might impact, positively or negatively, island communities in a way that is different from its impact on mainland areas?**

**Please enter your response here:**

Island communities and land use is often unique to its setting. Where the mix of land use is required to ensure the functioning of the communities and local economy some islands may be identified as marginal land or uplands but require produce food and resources in the same way as fertile land due to the nature and geography of the area. Similarly, they may see large varieties of land quality in small spaces due to soil quality and type.

The nature of some islands also means almost all land may be deemed to be "peri-urban" and their role as part of the community different to mainland areas. It is important to maintain the heritage and way of life on many of Scotland's unique islands, which links to tourism and landscapes too.

**Q12 Are there any particular current or future impacts you can think of on young people (children, pupils, and young adults up to the age of 26) of land use, land use change, or any other aspect of the Land Use Strategy, positively or negatively. Please provide examples or evidence:**

**Please enter your response here:**

We believe the exclusion of rural jobs from the strategy is a significant oversight. The importance of land-based jobs and the raft of benefits these provide to rural communities and the rural environment alike should not be underestimated.

## About you

### What is your name?

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### Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

### What is your organisation?

**Organisation:**

Scottish Land & Estates

### The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response only (without name)

**We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.**

I consent

## Evaluation

**Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)**

**Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:**

Slightly satisfied

**Please enter comments here.:**

**Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:**

Very satisfied

**Please enter comments here.:**