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**Q1 The Bill creates a statutory framework for greenhouse gas emissions reductions in Scotland by setting a 50% reduction target for 2030 and an 80% reduction target for 2050.**

**What are your views on the 2050 target and a 2030 interim target proposed in the Bill?**

The targets appear extremely ambitious and blind obedience to them may create problems as a side effect i.e. windfarms onshore detract from our wild and beautiful scenery in some areas which will affect the tourist industry. Wave and tidal energy should be encouraged due to its dependency and lack of visual intrusion.

**Q2 The Bill requires that the Scottish Government sets annual targets, in secondary legislation, for Scottish emissions from 2010 to 2050. It is proposed that these annual targets will be set in batches, the first being for the years 2010 to 2022 inclusive.**

My views are similar to Q1, a poorly thought through strategy could harm other industries if we try too hard to obey unrealistic targets.

**Q8 The Bill contains powers to allow the Scottish Government, by regulations, to impose duties on public bodies in relation to climate change, to issue guidance to those bodies relating to their climate change duties and to require that they report upon the discharge of those duties.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Good but any duties should be realistic and achievable both by the public and private sectors alike.

**Q10 Muirburn is the act of controlled burning of vegetation on open semi-natural habitats such as muir (Scottish word for moor) or moorland, and includes the burning of plants such as gorse, heather and grass. The Bill contains an enabling power to allow the Scottish Government to vary the permitted times during which muirburn may be made where they consider it necessary or expedient to do so in relation to climate change.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Agree but as long as appropriate advice is taken from scientists/conservationists etc and does not have draconian effects on established industries.

**Q11 The Bill will allow modification by order of the functions of the Forestry Commissioners to enable the Forestry Commission in Scotland to play a greater role in tackling climate change. The immediate intent of the Scottish Government is to take forward proposals relating to renewable energy development on the National Forest Estate and the release of capital from the National Forest Estate for woodland creation.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

To allow the Forestry Commission to help tackle climate change makes common sense as they are well equipped to do so. Adding the means to be more creative in joint ventures would reinforce this ability. Leasing should not be attempted and the land left under FC management where they can make the best contribution to tackle climate change.

**Q12 The Bill requires the Scottish Government to produce an action plan setting out current and proposed measures to improve the energy efficiency of buildings in Scotland, as well as measures to encourage behavioural change.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Agree fully, building standards should be akin to the best Scandinavian measures for insulation, community heating schemes etc. We do need to change our attitudes to heating/keeping warm, there are many things that can be done publicly and personally.

**Q14 The Bill places a duty on the Scottish Government to take such steps as it consider appropriate to promote the use of heat from renewable sources. The Scottish Government has indicated this provision will enable it to introduce measures it deems appropriate to incentivise the production of heat from renewable sources.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

I agree but our renewable power plants should use all the energy they produce and not allow heat to escape up the chimney ala the EON plant at Lockerbie. Care to be taken not to wildly pursue unpopular sites i.e. have a planning strategy for these plants.

**Q15 The Bill sets out measures aimed at improving waste and recycling. The Bill gives powers to the Scottish Government to make regulations in the following areas:  
Waste prevention and management plans;**

**Waste data;**

**Deposit of recyclable waste;**

**Procurement of recyclate;**

**Reduction of packaging;**

**Deposit and return schemes;**

**Charges for carrier bags.**

**What are your views on these proposals?**

Fully agree, again public attitudes need to be changed to create a community that cares for itself. Unfortunately probably the most successful way is to charge i.e. carrier bags. SG should consider assistance to home grown companies to get involved in their own recycling schemes.