I am Secretary of Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council. At our meeting of the 26th August, 2014 we went through the provisions of the bill and it was decided, we would pass comment and object to the proposal to allow local communities to acquire assets through compulsory purchase against owner's wishes if the land is not 'put to good use' or buildings are 'run down'.

Regards

Mary MacBeth, Secretary Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

Community Empowerment Bill - Easy to read version page 8, section Community Right to Buy.

In some communities there is land that may not be put to good use and buildings that may be run down. The Scottish Government wants to change the law so that community organisations can buy this type of land or buildings so they can do something useful with them. This new law would allow that to happen even if the owner does not want to sell their land. This could make local areas better places for everyone to live.