SUBMISSION FROM ANDREW MACLEAN

1. I would urge the committee to seriously consider the inclusion of deciduous trees to be incorporated into the High Hedges Bill. The weather has drastically changed in my lifetime and torrential rain and gale force winds are now quite frequent. I am most concerned that my life and that of my family are at risk from some very large sycamore trees damaging my property. These trees are protected by a blanket tree protection order which in itself is ridiculous as any tree with a trunk diameter of 4 inches appear to be included.

2. Sycamores are the arboricultural equivalent of that most pernicious weed Rose Bay Willow Herb. I fully accept that certain trees require to have special protection but I consider human life to be more important.