

# **PE1864/NNNNNN: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms**

## **Alexander Burnett MSP written submission, 25 September 2025**

I write further to correspondence regarding the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee meeting on 10th September 2025 in consideration of the petition PE1864.

In reference to my register of interests, which has previously been misrepresented by the Cabinet Secretary on this topic, I want to record that I was a trustee of the Fordie Trust which erected two 12 kilowatt farm turbines in 2013.

Petition PE1864 makes reference to wind turbine applications over 50 megawatts processed by the Energy Consents Unit, in which I have no registered interest, and is significantly larger than the farm turbines approved by Aberdeenshire Council and erected over a decade ago and from which I derive no financial benefit.

However, I would like this to be entered into committee record as appropriate and to avoid the scurrilous accusations that follow when I do not record this item.

Kind regards,

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