Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026

Good morning

I note the Committee's deliberations yesterday where Donald McKinnon spoke to his motion to annul the SSI reducing the number of land commissioners.

I note that the Convenor will write to the Cab Sec

As I noted in my blog here (and previous one linked to of 21 August)

https://andywightman.scot/2026/08/ministers-confirm-scottish-land-commission-member-reduction/

The concern is yes about SLC capacity if number of commissioners is reduced

BUT and probably more important from a policy making perspective is whether this move is part of a wider effort to reduce numbers across public bodies or not. As far as I can see it is not

I highlight the case of the Cairngorm National Park Board which has 19 members and a retiring member was replaced with no questions raised about the possibility of not replacing them

This I feel is an important point to explore with the Cab Sec

If this is a one off decision that is n to part of a wider plan then in my view the committee should support the motion to annul

best wishes

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