



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Monica Lennon MSP

Via email

**10 September 2025**

Dear Monica,

### **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill**

The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this Bill at its meeting on 9 September 2025 and agreed to write regarding **section 10(4): power to modify the list of persons that must be consulted by the Scottish Ministers when preparing the report on the operation of the Act.**

As noted in the DPM, the reporting obligation is a one-time requirement, occurring after the Act has been in force for five years. Consequently, there will be only one consultation.

The DPM states that the power to amend the list of consultees is intended to allow for the inclusion of “new or other bodies or persons with relevant expertise.” However, given that subsection (3)(a)(viii) already allows Ministers to consult any other persons they consider appropriate, the Committee asks **why it is considered necessary to take a power to amend the list of mandatory consultees, given that there will be only one consultation, and Scottish Ministers already have discretion to consult such other persons as they consider appropriate.**

The Committee requests a response by **Friday 19 September 2025.**

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McMillan MSP  
Convener

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