



## Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

### Call for Views

#### Proposed National Islands Plan

The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee wants to hear your views on the Scottish Government's [proposed National Islands Plan](#).

The Plan is part of the implementation of the [Islands \(Scotland\) Act 2018](#) (which the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee considered at bill stage).

The Committee would like to hear your views on the following areas —

- Do you think the 13 Strategic Objectives in the proposed National Islands Plan are the right ones to meet the needs of island communities?
- Are there any issues which have been overlooked in the Strategic Objectives?
- Are there any Strategic Objectives that should be given a higher level of priority within the proposed Plan?
- Do you think the proposed Plan sets out both a clear strategic direction and practical approaches to delivery of the Strategic Objectives?
- Do you have any comments on the actions outlined to support effective implementation of the proposed Plan?
- Do you think the proposed Plan adheres effectively to its stated principles that it is “fair, integrated, green and inclusive”? If not, how might its adherence to any or all of these principles be improved?
- The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 sets out longer term timescales for Scottish Ministers to report on and review the Plan. Does the proposed Plan have sufficiently clear targets and measurable indicators by which to measure its performance?
- Does the proposed Plan align with the Scottish Government's renewed focus on climate change issues, following [its announcement of a climate change emergency](#)?
- Does the proposed Plan deliver against the [Scottish Government's own National Performance Framework](#), and the underpinning [Sustainable Development Goals](#)?

The responses to these questions will assist the Committee to respond to the Scottish Government on the proposed Plan.

## ***How to submit your evidence***

Please note that in most cases **your written submission will be published on the Scottish Parliament's website and may be quoted in any relevant Committee report or correspondence (which are public published documents) or in Committee meetings (which are broadcast in public).**

If you wish to request that your submission be published without your name, please contact us (see contact details below).

Before making a submission, please read our privacy notice about submitting your views to a Committee [Privacy Notice](#). This tells you about how we process your personal data.

The Committee is required by the terms of the Islands (Scotland) Act to consider the proposed Plan within a limited timeframe. **Please send your views no later than Thursday 31 October 2019.**

Responses should be sent, wherever possible, electronically and in MS Word format to: [rec.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:rec.committee@parliament.scot)

Hard copy responses may be sent to: *Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, T3.60, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP*

Ideally, responses should be **no more than four sides of A4 in length.**

We welcome written views in English, Gaelic, Scots or any other language. Due to the time required to process and analyse evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the agreement of the Committee.

## ***Contact***

Should you require alternative formats of this information or further assistance in making a written submission to the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the clerking team of the Committee.

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