



Story Telling about Land Use and Land Use Change: What, why & where have we got to?



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Research Purpose

- Research aims:
 - to identify a diverse set of voices which are weighing in on land-related issues in Scotland
 - to assess the visions of land futures that these voices present
- Research questions
 - Whose voices are put forward in land sector governance consultations?
 - What vision of land futures do these voices present?
 - What undesirable land futures do these voices argue against?
 - What environmental and/or social justice issues are expressed in these responses?
 - Which voices are missing from these consultation processes?
 - On what grounds do consultation voices claim legitimacy?



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Community wealth building consultation



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Research Progress

■ Identification of consultations:

- Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement 2022
- Environmental Standards Scotland draft strategic plan 2022
- Draft National Planning Framework 4 2022
- Climate Change – Net Zero Nation: draft public engagement strategy 2021
- Review of Mental Health Law in Scotland 2020
- Scotland's Economic Performance – the contribution of place-based development zones 2020
- Environmental Principles and Governance 2019
- Forestry Strategy 2019-29 A Culture Strategy for Scotland 2018
- NCRA 'A Rural Conversation: Together We Can, Together We Will
- Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy Local Food for Everyone 2021
- Agricultural Transition in Scotland 2021
- Just Transition Commission - Call for Evidence 2020
- Scottish Crown Estate: Strategic Management Plan 2019
- Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development 2019
- Good Food Nation Proposals for Legislation 2019
- Rural Assets Strategy 2019
- Support for Agriculture and the Rural Economy - Post Brexit Transition 2018



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Most frequent responses

Organisation	Focus	Type	Consultations submitted
Historic Environment Scotland	Environmental protection, heritage	Public body	12
National Trust for Scotland	Conservation (built and cultural)	Charity, Member organisation	12
Scottish Land and Estates	Rural land owners	Member organisation	11
John Muir Trust	Landscape Protection	Charity	10
National Farmers Union of Scotland	Farming	Member organisation	9
Woodland Trust Scotland	Environmental Protection	Charity	9
James Hutton Institute	Research	Charity	9
Scottish Environment LINK	Environmental protection	Charity	9
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Environmental protection	Charity	8
Community Land Scotland	Community Land Owners	Charity	8
Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Rural Businesses	Development agency	8
Royal Town Planning Institute	Planning professionals	Professional organisation	8
Community Woodlands Association	Community woodland groups	Member organisation	7
Scottish Crofting Federation	Crofting	Member organisation	6
Keep Scotland Beautiful	Environmental protection	Charity	6
Nourish Scotland	Sustainable farming	Charity	6
Confor (Confederation of Forest Industries)	Forestry	Membership organisation	6
Soil Association Scotland	Organic Farming	Member organisation	6

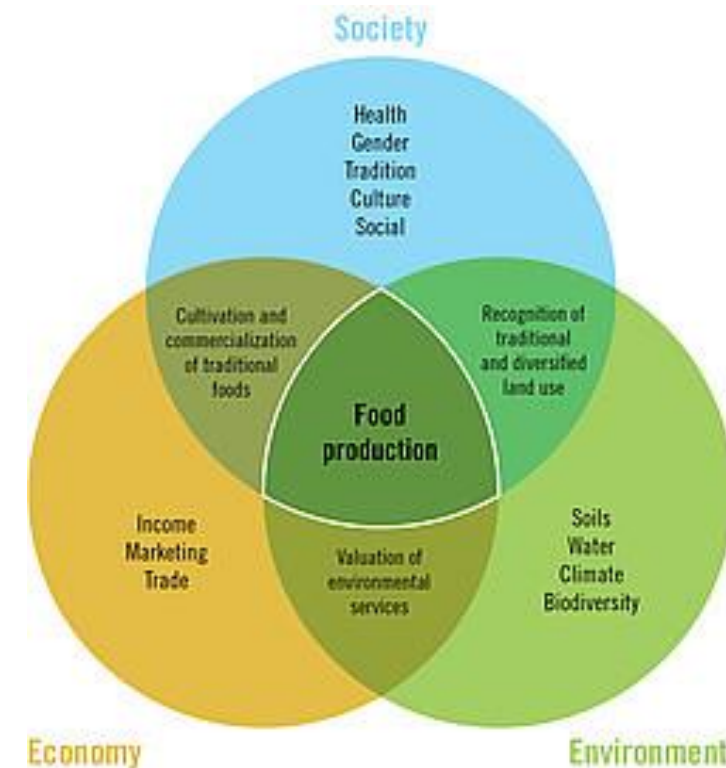


Sample selected

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13	Quakers in Scotland	Religious	Charity	5
14	Creative Scotland	Arts, screen, creative industries	Public body	4
15	Ramblers Scotland	Ramblers	Charity	3
16	Outside the Box	Community development	Charity	3

Preliminary findings

- Established landed interests
 - Autonomy and profitability
 - Incremental change
- Landed interest subpopulations
 - Community and environment
 - Major transformation
- Environmental organisations
 - Environment and community
 - Major transformation
- Others
 - ‘fundamental reframing’



<https://www.globalagriculture.org/report-topics/multifunctionality.html>

Next Steps

- Deeper analysis
 - Legitimacy
 - Corresponding Interviews
- Walking interviews with diverse groups (2024)



Editorial on the need for diversity in European agriculture can be found here:

<https://agrifoodecon.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40100-023-00244-z>

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Further research in the RESAS Strategic Research Programme 2022-27 in the Land Use Transformations_(C3-JHI-1) project

<https://landusetransformations.hutton.ac.uk/>

SRUC-c3-2 Modelling The Socio-economic, Greenhouse Gas And Natural Capital Impacts Of Land Use Policy And

Opportunities? <https://pure.sruc.ac.uk/en/projects/resas-22-27-sruc-c3-2-modelling-the-socio-economic-greenhouse-gas>

SRUC-c3-1 Impacts Of Land-based Financial Support Mechanisms On Land Values, Landownership Diversification And Land

Use Outcomes <https://pure.sruc.ac.uk/en/projects/resas-22-27-sruc-c3-1-impacts-of-land-based-financial-support-mec>

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