

ayr converses submission to the Land Reform Review Group (LRRG) call for evidence

our responses (in italics) follow on from the three areas for consideration the LRRG set out on how land reform will:

enable more people in rural and urban Scotland to have a stake in the ownership, governance, management and use of land, which will lead to a greater diversity of land ownership, and ownership types, in Scotland.

ayr converses believes that more people in rural and urban Scotland should be enabled to have a stake in the ownership, governance, management and use of land.

we think that change should be enacted in the ownership, governance, management and use of land. The current system does little to revive towns such as Ayr when the economic climate is difficult. Equally, when property values are high, communities are excluded from land ownership. We think greater diversity of ownership will bring social & economic benefits to towns such as Ayr. We are thinking both of land assets that are - because of the downturn in the economy - languishing in private ownership & of Ayr Common Good assets (stewarded by our local authority) that are void and which could be brought back into use under land reform.

assist with the acquisition and management of land (and also land assets) by communities, to make stronger, more resilient and independent communities which have an even greater stake in their development

ayr converses believes that the changes envisaged under the proposed CER Bill make it imperative that there should be land reform so that communities can acquire and/or manage land assets in towns such as Ayr. We believe that this would lead to stronger, more resilient and independent communities.

generate, support, promote and deliver new relationships between land, people, economy and environment in Scotland

ayr converses believes that land reform to date shows absolutely that if people have a stake in the ownership, governance, management and use of land, this leads to new relationships in stronger, more caring, vibrant & empowered communities.

Lianne Hackett & Chris Fremantle for ayr converses, 10 January 2013

we thank Andy Wightman for highlighting this consultation

note: we attach our submission to the consultation on the proposed CER Bill.