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# Land Reform



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# Land Reform Consultation

- Background & why this is important
- Overview of content & what this might mean for you
- Next steps
- How to engage





# Background

- SG commitment to land reform
- Program for Government



# Legislative Pathway

- Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
- Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016  
(Rights, communities, SLC,  
transparency, RTB)
- 2023 Bill.....



## Defining a 'Large Scale' Landholding

- 3,000 ha
- Fixed percentage of data zone
- Specified proportion of an island
- Family farms...



# Strengthening LRRS-Large Scale

## Principles

1. The overall framework of land rights, responsibilities and public policies should promote, fulfil and respect relevant human rights in relation to land, contribute to public interest and wellbeing, and balance public and private interests. The framework should support sustainable economic development, protect and enhance the environment, help achieve social justice and build a fairer society.
2. There should be a more diverse pattern of land ownership and tenure, with more opportunities for citizens to own, lease and have access to land.
3. More local communities should have the opportunity to own, lease or use buildings and land which can contribute to their community's wellbeing and future development.
4. The holders of land rights should exercise these rights in ways that take account of their responsibilities to meet high standards of land ownership, management and use. Acting as the stewards of Scotland's land resource for future generations they contribute to sustainable growth and a modern, successful country.
5. There should be improved transparency of information about the ownership, use and management of land, and this should be publicly available, clear and contain relevant detail.
6. There should be greater collaboration and community engagement in decisions about land.

- ❑ Legal duty to comply with LRRS & Codes
- ❑ Ability to report breaches
- ❑ Mediation and recommendations
- ❑ Consequences.....



~~CONFLICT~~  
MEDIATION

# Compulsory Land Management Plans

- Show compliance with LRRS
- Meet requirements of sustainable management
- Community engagement
- Emission reduction plans
- Nature restoration





## Public Interest Test (Principle)

- Large scale land transfers (3k ha etc)
- Whole transfer, or amalgamation
- Seller-conditions
- Buyer-conditions
- Communities



# Receipt of Public Funding

- All land-regardless of scale....
- Must be in the land register
- +Large scale must demonstrate compliance with LRRS and LMP

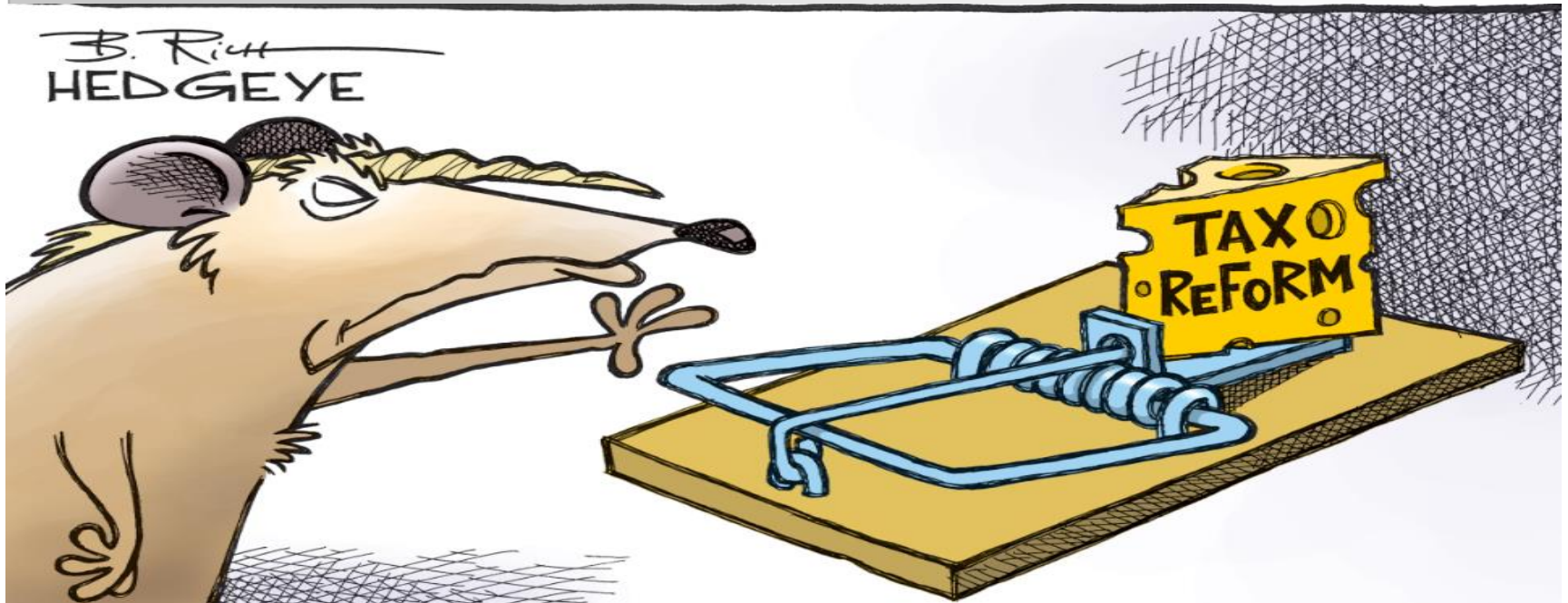


# Transparency of Ownership

- Exploring who can own land?
- Large scale-restricting to those registered in EU member state or UK for tax purposes
- Benefit to Scotland?

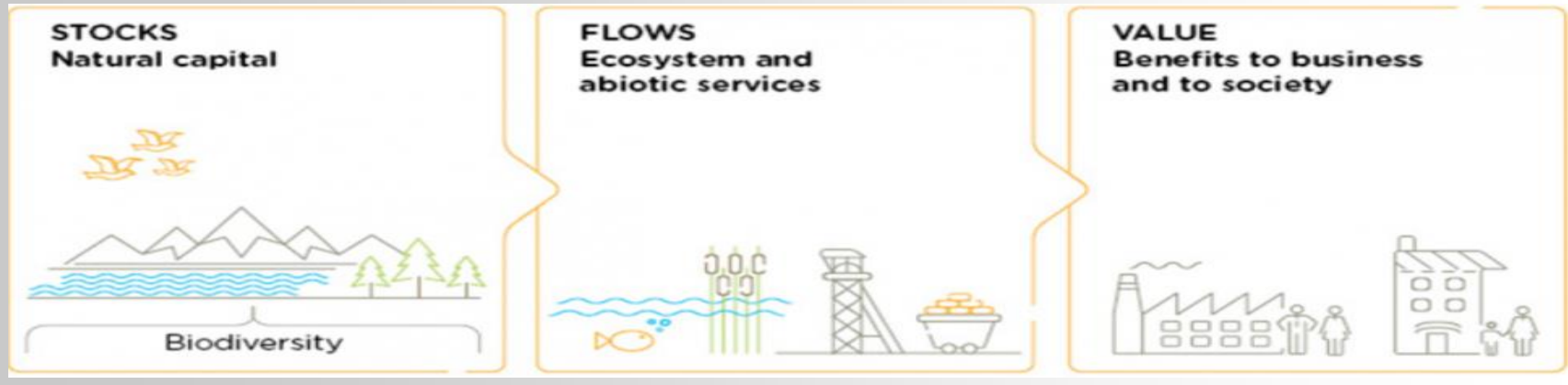
# Future Taxation

- Fiscal measures-potential use to taxation in future land reform?



# Natural Capital

- *The world's stock of natural resources. This includes air, water, minerals and all living things*
- How to benefit communities and Scotland PLC?



# Land Use Tenancy

- Barriers in the current system
- New tenancy offering flexibility-wider than agricultural
- Agree sharing of benefits, activities & ending.



# Next Steps

- Regional online discussions
- Online survey link(s)
- L&T Committee review
- Submission September





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