

## PE1564 – Save Loch Ness and the Great Glen: Comments Received

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The planning system isn't fit for purpose in the case of these industrial scale developments. In many cases local people don't want them, local councils reject planning applications but they're over-ruled by 'Edinburgh' with no further right of appeal. Scottish Natural Heritage's work on strategic landscape capacity assessments for wind energy and mapping of wild land areas is dismissed by Scottish Ministers - they have another agenda and it's not Scotland's 'natural heritage!' Follow the money. . .

**Pat Helme**

0:29 on 24 Apr 2015

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A alandscape and ecosystem unique within the UK which can and should be saved for future generations

**Peter Sticker**

19:33 on 23 Apr 2015

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Stop this insanity..

**Pieter Hogeveen**

19:12 on 23 Apr 2015

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Please, in the Power of the Precious name of Jesus Christ, who with His Father created this pristine country, please do not destroy it. Too many of us now are suffering because our governments allowed these things to be erected much too close to our homes.

**Evelyn Hayden**

16:49 on 23 Apr 2015

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Save this wonderful Part of the World

**Silvia Schlosser**

13:43 on 23 Apr 2015

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this is a shocking despoliation of the beautiful Scottish landscape & our heritage for future generations.

**David Patrick**

12:42 on 23 Apr 2015

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I trust that with the wisdom and foresight of its politicians, the necessary steps will be taken to save Great Glen and Loch Ness from an uncertain future and thus potential health - and environmental threats are kept disregard.

**Heinz FRIES**

10:28 on 23 Apr 2015

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Two years ago they wanted to build five 175 m high wind turbines near our little village. We've organized an election and so two-thirds of our entitled-to-vote population decided against the project. I wish you the most success for this petition.

**Wolfgang Tempel**

10:10 on 23 Apr 2015

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Dont distroy our beautiful landscape

**Danni Hamilton**

10:03 on 23 Apr 2015

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Need to leave some of the iconic landmarks clear, somehow don't think folk would be too pleased if this were for the Lake District or South Downs. There are plenty of wind farms up in Scotland already, don't need it to become a wind farm forest.

**A P Glew**

9:44 on 23 Apr 2015

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waste of taxpayers money, visual and auditory pollution, extremely damaging to physical and mental health. I'm a wind turbine refugee

**Gail Mair**

8:10 on 23 Apr 2015

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Wind farms? What a joke, only people making money out of these are the landowners, Farmers and the people who pu them up. Blot on the landscape. And no they don't provide efficient power

**Frank Hill**

7:30 on 23 Apr 2015

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You have a lovely country, let's save our heritage and our landscape

**Richard Marillier, France**

7:25 on 23 Apr 2015

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TURBINES ARE NOT THE ANSWER, THEY ARE POLLUTING OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE.

**RONALD TUTTY**

23:38 on 22 Apr 2015

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There is no way we are allowing this to happen, destroying our Nation & natural habitat with their industries, to send the energy down south!!! we already have Hydro

**Gillian Young**

21:32 on 22 Apr 2015

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Future generations will never forgive you. They are old technology and an economic nonsense. Stop the destruction of Scotland's wild scenery by wind turbines.

**Fiona Butcher**

20:56 on 22 Apr 2015

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A crazy suggestion that the insignificant contribution such a limited technology will make to energy generation in Scotland, should compromise the landscape as it undoubtably will. People who know our land from countries such as Holland and Germany I know cannot believe how shortsighted we are becoming. Please stop this maddness!

**Bruce McIntosh**

20:48 on 22 Apr 2015

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I support this petition. I don't think the money spent on wind turbines will be a waste.

**anish senan**

19:32 on 22 Apr 2015

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Wind Turbines are a complete waste of time which has been proven on numerous occasions, the desecration of our European Landscapes needs to stop and stop now!

**Carol-Ann VAN BLERK**

17:20 on 22 Apr 2015

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**Lothar Hellwig**

16:38 on 22 Apr 2015

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Wind turbines create Visual pollution. Stop damaging beautiful Scotland

**Kirsten Nielsen**

16:23 on 22 Apr 2015

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Highland Council have published a Consultation Paper - Spatial Planning for Onshore Wind Energy in Highland. The authors' of this document are aware of the Scottish Government's Commissioned (2008) on the Economic Impacts of Wind Farms on Scottish Tourism, but are unaware of its 'Status' because this Commissioned Report is NOT referred to by either the Scottish Planning Policy document or the Scottish Government's online advice note on Onshore Wind Turbines. It (Consultation Paper) comes as no surprise that the Authors of this document have stated, "tourism is not their main issue for review" It is quite clear that our Planners have no desire to see the Highland's tourist industry flourish.

**R. V. HEWETT**

15:49 on 22 Apr 2015

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Fully support this petition to keep the natural beauty of Scotland. Too many wind farms already blotting our landscape.

**Mike Hepburn**

13:00 on 22 Apr 2015

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Wind turbines create Visual pollution. Stop damaging beautiful Scotland

**Alan Mitchell**

12:14 on 22 Apr 2015

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Good luck. - They are a complete waste of time and money - (Wind Generators)

**Alun Cooke**

10:04 on 22 Apr 2015

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I support fully this petition to preserve and restore the outstanding natural beauty of Scotland. Keep it turbine-free!

**Michael Westman**

9:21 on 22 Apr 2015

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The Scottish Government is guilty of gross dereliction of duty if it allows such a monstrous injustice to be visited upon the country it is supposed to care for.

**Howard Duthie**

9:15 on 22 Apr 2015

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Stay away

**Robert Stalker**

9:10 on 22 Apr 2015

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I can't believe that the natural beauty of the Great Glen will be scarred with these monstrosities!! What idiot has proposed this and who is lining their pocket!! I am totally disgusted.

**John Angiolini**

9:03 on 22 Apr 2015

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It is nothing less than a tragedy that Scotland is being desecrated by windfarms in the pursuit of unviable energy policies that will result in high and unsustainable energy prices for no environmental benefit at all

**Andy Scrase**

8:53 on 22 Apr 2015

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Of all the open land in Scotland, why there? Leave it alone please

**Cath Diamond**

8:43 on 22 Apr 2015

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We don't need windfarms blighting ever Scottish landscape. Please use some common sense n discretion when siting them.

**Rachel Mackenzie**

8:10 on 22 Apr 2015

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I believe that wind turbines would completely destroy this beautiful environment and would be a threat to raptors and bats which frequent this tranquil landscape.

**Julia Hey**

7:27 on 22 Apr 2015

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Wind Turbines must be stopped at all costs.Its only a matter of time before we need body bags.

**alan dransfield**

7:25 on 22 Apr 2015

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The spread of wind farms is endangering what it is that makes Scotland such a special place to live. There is hardly a mountain summit where the view isn't blighted.

**Clive Wilmott**

7:21 on 22 Apr 2015

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I'm sure this will do Wonders for the tourist industry. I for one will not be visiting this area any more if this goes ahead, who wants to go on holiday to see a landscape ruined by wind farms?

**B Griffiths**

7:12 on 22 Apr 2015

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If you put up wind turbines in either Loch Ness or The great glen you will spoil your tourist industry as people don't want to see unnatural eyesores in stunning scenery & also they aren't cost effective

**Sally Parris**

5:57 on 22 Apr 2015

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please stop this spoiling of our beautiful wild country- we won't get it back. When the 'wind power' myth is exposed, and the subsidies are gone, these monstrosities will be left to decay whilst the profiteers move on to the next cash cow.

**Kennedy Hamilton**

22:03 on 21 Apr 2015

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Wake up Scotland! You have the most beautiful land and the planet won't thank you for filling it with concrete and steel.

**Janet Bidgood**

21:48 on 21 Apr 2015

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Put the turbines next to the cites that use the power. Less efficient, perhaps, but huge savings on infrastructure. And wouldn't damage one of our major foreign currency earners - tourism.

**John Ward**

19:34 on 21 Apr 2015

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What is the matter with you people, when will you ever stop destroying the beautiful areas of our small island

**Alison Southby**

19:18 on 21 Apr 2015

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a real shame !

**yves duloc'h**

18:50 on 21 Apr 2015

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These monstrous giant wind turbines are ruining our country, destroying our landscape, wildlife, tourism - for what? The 'saving the planet' mantra is a myth, put about by people who are making money on these massive projects, without caring for the environment or for people who live in their vicinity.

**Kathy Greaves**

16:46 on 21 Apr 2015

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Stop windmills!

**Pierre and Monque GUETH**

11:26 on 21 Apr 2015

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It is wasteful to pursue archaic technology such as this when better options are available.

**Sandra Wolfe**

21:29 on 20 Apr 2015

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Scottish Govt. just doesn't care. A wreckless obsession with achieving renewable targets at any cost, yet openly oppose fracking - joke!

**Marie McNulty**

20:43 on 20 Apr 2015

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I, and other tourists come to Loch Ness for its unspoiled beauty. It is known throughout the world, recognised when used ( due to its magnificence!) in film. How can you even contemplate desecrating such Beauty? Why would I want to brave the midgies to lay to arrive and see an eyesore instead?

**Jacinta Ryan**

18:45 on 20 Apr 2015

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I have friends in Scotland. We are supposed to be visiting next summer. I will not take my family to Loch Ness if it is covered in turbines. I can see those monstrosities here. This is an absolute shame. Destroying such a beautiful piece of the earth to fill your pockets. Turbines do nothing for the environment.

**Terry Batchelor**

15:08 on 20 Apr 2015

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I live in Balnain, Glenurquhart just 4 miles from Loch Ness. The area surrounding my home has spectacular views of the Affric hills to the west and Loch Meiklie in the foreground. These views are frequently photographed by tourists who stop on the road side by our home. The Forestry walks on the south side of the Glen attract many locals and visitors who climb to the top of the hills for panoramic views across the glen and beyond. The proposed wind farm at Cnoc an Eas will intrude on all these views and substantially detract from the overall beauty of the area. Across the Loch Ness area the numerous proposed wind farms will crowd the countryside with ugly and intrusive machinery, which is sure to result in less visitors to the area. Indeed, what will visitors think of the place that has despoiled by the turbines? Most will be horrified that we allowed our wonderful scenery to be ruined. And what will our children think of our generation that we cared so little about their heritage? We must stop these developments now !

**Patrick Grainger**

14:57 on 20 Apr 2015

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These wind farms are ruining the last bastion of scenic wilderness in Britain and Europe. They will not bring to the Scottish economy what tourism does and to ruin the jewels of our Scottish crown is both an inexplicably stupid and heinous act. Stop it now!!

**Fiona Urquhart**

12:54 on 20 Apr 2015

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Further proliferation of turbines is leading to the increased industrialisation of Loch Ness and its environs. Tourism is extremely important to the Highlands, the cumulative effect of these wind farms is going to have a hugely detrimental effect. Local communities have sacrificed enough amenity for the existing developments - please do not short-sightedly allow further developments to go ahead and further reduce the value of the main asset that this area of the Highlands has - its unspoiled wilderness.

**John MacLennan**

9:20 on 20 Apr 2015

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Preserve the beauty of Loch Ness!

**Henry Nunney**

8:45 on 20 Apr 2015

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We need to balance being greener with preserving breathtaking wildlife that future generations can visit. It's such a shame how the places we want to protect are being damaged by the very methods that are being used to save them

**Mungo Graham**

0:36 on 20 Apr 2015

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The need for renewable energy in the form of wind turbines should not be allowed to override the concerns of communities and the protection of our landscapes.

**marion fitzgerald**

20:40 on 19 Apr 2015

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How can anyone think this project is a good idea? I am fortunate enough to live by Loch Ness and the thought of what is proposed is quite horrendous. There are other green ways to produce electricity.

**Valerie Moffat**

19:13 on 19 Apr 2015

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I have made many trips to Scotland and noted the many wind farms disfiguring the landscape you really need to stop this now, or risk losing your income from tourism. they are a real blot on the landscape and I do not understand how this has been allowed to happen.

**edward godfrey**

19:06 on 19 Apr 2015



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This will be another disaster hoisted upon the people and land of Scotland by big business with no regard what so ever to the wishes off the majority. Even if local planning refuse applications the Scottish government will rubber stamp them with their blind following of policy. Having driven through the borders it is a total disaster. No other tourist country would contemplate such policies. Ian J Fraser

**IAN FRASER**

10:54 on 19 Apr 2015

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There has to be some common sense re indiscriminate siting go large windfarms which damage our lovely countryside they are joy very effective in their output and their life span is short

**Janet E Peebles**

9:51 on 19 Apr 2015

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The Government's energy policy is based on a misplaced ideology and the consequences are now coming home to roost. However, they still seem unable to change course. Damage for little purpose is all around in Scotland - perhaps this horrendous damage to the iconic Loch Ness will be a wake-up call - let us hope so.

**Dr Bruce Hobbs**

9:26 on 19 Apr 2015

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This is industrial energy. Does our government have any notion of the truth of some of these developments.

**Allison Watson**

7:45 on 18 Apr 2015

What is the point of pumping money into the promotion of tourism in the Highlands and Islands only to destroy the very landscape which attracts visitors.

**Peter Farrington**

20:50 on 17 Apr 2015

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If not for ecological terror connected with EU grants no fan would not exist in Europe. Good luck!

**Karol Domownik**

16:35 on 17 Apr 2015

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In my opinion the short sighted government are to blame for the widespread destruction of the wonderful landscape around Loch Ness and the Great Glen. by giving huge financial incentives to developers to build these awful monstrosities. What a legacy to leave for future generations!!!

**Linda bowman**

15:30 on 17 Apr 2015

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Ill thought out. Apart from devastating environmental damage, it will destroy a major tourist attraction and the income it generates for the country.

**claire williams**

14:47 on 17 Apr 2015

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It's so sad that our natural heritage is being vandalised in this way. Removing these turbines when we wake up to what we're doing will cost far more than any benefits accrued, but as far as I can see the benefits are mainly to the landowners receiving the subsidies anyway, and the government servants obsessed with poorly thought-out targets.

**Kate Byrne**

11:56 on 17 Apr 2015

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Greedy landowners exploiting the subsidy system and despoiling a national asset , our environment and landscape

**Graham Crawford**

10:55 on 17 Apr 2015

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I saw how wind farms can ruin some landscapes. The Highlands are one of the most stunning places in the world and it would be sad to change this with wind farms, especially when it can be used elsewhere.

**Chanseau Adeline**

9:52 on 17 Apr 2015

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Its the beauty for Scotland that brings tourists here, who in turn help with our employment and finance. We are destroying this day by day. Plus how can it be green, when they are building big roads and driving heavy trucks back & forth to create these windfarms. Can't we use Wave energy more?

**Haze Leith**

9:51 on 17 Apr 2015

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As with the majority of the proposal sites in the Highlands, this is a spectacular part of our country (and indeed the world) which has captured the hearts and imaginations of every local and tourist alike. I very much hope this will continue. Ruin it with wind farms and you would lose that attraction for ever.

**Stuart MacLennan**

8:51 on 17 Apr 2015

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I accept that alternative energy forms are necessary however reasonable judgement and consideration of Scotlands beautiful places should be a major factor in placement of windmill sites. Scotland PLC should think in long term monetary terms. Our country's reputation is built on our people and wild landscape. As marketing Scotland this is priceless and windmills are in danger of killing the romance of Scotland built up since Sir Walter Scott in just a few years. As a climber and walker I will be going abroad for my wild experiences first encountered in Scotland but now so rare unless this aberration is halted.

**Jim O'Donnell**

20:09 on 16 Apr 2015

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i have just returned from a holiday in cyprus and they too have taken on this wind farming big time. it looks awful and totally out of character with the landscape and has ruined the look and peace of local villagers as they are by no means attractive or neither quiet. put them in the sea not on land. plenty of wind out there!

**wendy nicolaou**

17:29 on 16 Apr 2015

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The world has gone mad. I am being made to suffer from the Kilgallioch wind farm 96 143.5 metre(480 ft) construction 2015. I ask the Government to guarantee this farm would not be a health hazard.... Guess what they refused! Now Lochness!

**Tas Gibson**

16:37 on 16 Apr 2015

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Living in Inverness I think the industrialization of the Highlands is a disaster.

**IAN FRASER**

14:31 on 16 Apr 2015

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Loch Ness and the Great Glen are national assets for Scotland that attract thousands of visitors per year to Scotland irrespective of the weather. These places bring money into the country and support jobs across Scotland. They deserve to be protected and promoted, not spoilt and damaged by windfarms.

**E.McHugh**

12:53 on 16 Apr 2015

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Moved here 9yrs ago, to live in a beautiful place. Yes we still have beautiful areas but also blots of unsightliness due to windfarms as we all can see will expand if not stopped. Tourism here is one of our biggest industry. We need to protect not abuse Lochness and The Great Glen.

**Carol Barron**

11:32 on 16 Apr 2015

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DO NOT destroy the area of LOCH NESS with such monstrosities for developers financial gain. It will ruin the surrounding countryside.

**Mrs. E.M. Evans**

11:10 on 16 Apr 2015

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An absolute disgrace to destroy the landscape for the financial benefits of developers from an inefficient power generating system.

**david evans**

10:59 on 16 Apr 2015

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don't make such a mistake ! please, preserve the land and the nature of Scotland.

**marcel barbera**

10:19 on 16 Apr 2015

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Enough is enough ...

**angela crossley**

9:49 on 16 Apr 2015

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Enough is enough. ... Why do you insist on taking away one of the Highlands main means of capital .ie windfarms do spoil the scenery this having a detrimental effect on the livelihoods of this so work in the tourism industry, which in turn of course impacts on everyone and everything else in our area. Please stop the windfarms piping up everywhere in our area.

**Alison Gardner**

9:09 on 16 Apr 2015

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Are we idiots to build this wind monsters? This plants are only 1200 to 1400 hours a year working and when you need this energy it is missing! Nearly all our politicians have no technical background und are technical idiots! W. Klein

**Winfried Klein**

8:51 on 16 Apr 2015

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This makes me want to weep. It is a national disgrace. The SNPs energy policy is destroying Scotland aesthetically, financially and environmentally. Save Loch Ness from these useless, towering monuments to a ridiculous renewables policy.

**Moira Kennedy**

0:17 on 16 Apr 2015

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The pitiful amount of unreliable power generated by turbines is just not enough to justify this loss of wild land.

**Irene Stewart**

0:04 on 16 Apr 2015

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Wind-farms spoil our beautiful countryside, only survive through subsidy and damage the quality of life those living nearby or visiting the countryside

**Paul Marshall**

23:09 on 15 Apr 2015

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our beautiful and unique landscape must be saved from this wanton destruction building these useless monstrosities, the building of which causes more environmental damage than anything else done by man.

**Briony Robertson**

21:40 on 15 Apr 2015

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Such magnificent landscapes must be protected for our children & grandchildren

**Joan Chalmers**

20:38 on 15 Apr 2015

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In my lifetime in the Highlands we have covered every hillside with an invasive species of tree, flooded every glen with a hydro dam, now we have covered every hill with wind farms and finally joined it all together with a lattice of pylons with size of the Eiffle tower - all in the name of energy!!!!!!

**douglas watson**

17:29 on 15 Apr 2015

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please consider future generations, we have had the joy of these glorious areas...

**Mhairi McKenna**

16:42 on 15 Apr 2015

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I think the Highlands especially Loch Ness and its majestic landscape beauty should not be ruined by the turbine development. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THE BEAUTY OF THE HIGHLANDS.

**Tas Chaudry**

15:37 on 15 Apr 2015

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We must guard our inheritance to gift it to our inheritors

**Murdo Morrison**

15:28 on 15 Apr 2015

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A sad reflection on our Scottish government indeed!

**Ash Grainger**

13:20 on 15 Apr 2015

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Visited Loch Ness and the surrounding area last week (April 2015) and enjoyed the unspoilt beauty and magic of the loch and the legend of Nessie. Would hate to see any wind turbines in this area. It should be protected. There are plenty of sites that are more appropriate. Please don't spoil it for visitors from around the world and the friendly locals.

**Lorna Watkins**

13:13 on 15 Apr 2015

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Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness makes this landscape very special to me because my family has ancestral connections with the Urquhart family. It seems profoundly sad that a landscape little changed in 1,000 years should be being devastated in the 21st century by the introduction of inefficient industrial structures. Who will ever forgive us for this?

**Caroline Peacock**

11:42 on 15 Apr 2015

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Some of the most beautiful landscape in Europe is being destroyed for a thoroughly discredited energy policy which benefits only landowners and developers, provides minimal employment and fundamentally, is economically flawed.

**Gordon Hayward**

23:43 on 14 Apr 2015

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The value of the 'green energy' plan has to be considered against the value of the beauty of our countryside and it's place in the tourism industry.

**Anne Macdonald**

22:21 on 14 Apr 2015

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What has happened to Scotland , it seems the whole country is up for sale and to hell with wildlife, plant life and anything else that gets in the way of making a quick pound.

**Catriona Fraser**

20:45 on 14 Apr 2015

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I really feel that there are already too many turbines in beautiful areas, contributing nothing to the environment . in fact maintaining these turbines cause more damage as well ,making the whole "green"image laughable. nobody will visit and Scotland and its people will be the losers.

**veronica beecher**

20:30 on 14 Apr 2015

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Wind turbines should be situated close to large centers of population. The Great Glen is not an appropriate area for industrial electricity generation equipment of this type.

**Alexander Craig**

20:26 on 14 Apr 2015

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Scotland is a very small country with an outstandingly beautiful type of landscape which has a wild yet accessible quality that is internationally admired. It is probably Scotland's most valuable asset and a vital component of Scotland's biggest industry - tourism. There is a growing international appetite for Scotland's scenery and frustration that its primary attribute is being destroyed by placing huge industrial windfarms within it. This destruction is truly wanton since wind is a particularly unreliable and difficult to control source of electrical energy and makes a negligible contribution to combating CO2 emissions while providing profitable subsidy income to power companies and landowners (often absent and foreign).

**Norman McNab**

17:57 on 14 Apr 2015

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No more wind farms. We have too many already and they have supplied not one bit of energy. NO MORE.

**Roger lindsay**

17:05 on 14 Apr 2015