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Dear Sirs

We do hope that this late submission can be accepted, we had the wrong closing date put in our diary.?

We have a few key points:

para:

76 This is woefully inadequate. Ministers have only approved a minimum broadband provision of 512kbs under the 'not spot' scheme. This will not take Scotland much beyond 2008 let alone 2018. It will be redundant probably before it is installed. OFCOM are also remarkably complacent about it to in their recent consultation on NGA stating that competition will bring broadband to most areas, this has not happened in the past. Scotland needs to recognise that the Information Highway is critical to it's development, probably more important than roads in light of higher fuel costs. Areas such as ours which have no broadband access or the minimum of 512 will not get provision of higher speeds from privatised companies in the near future and the Government need to make serious plans to ensure these areas are not denied a modern future. see paragraph 158, 160

Areas such as ours as a preferred development area for Windfarms are being asked to sacrifice for the good of urban Scotland, yet no benefits are being offered in return.?

162 Wet renewables are definitely a better future and also there is more potential to create a R&D industry as they are less advanced than onshore renewables. They offer a better opportunity for Scotland.?

226 More research into undersea cables after all it can be done under the Channel, at Naval dockyards and in the Cromarty Firth. Also more research into this shift in policy from the historic position in producing electricity close to the place of consumption to shifting it huge distances around the country, what will be the expected transmission losses? Counter intuitively a more stormy environment could well mean less electricity producing days for windfarms. p 130?

In general there should be more emphasis on the landscape of Scotland than is apparent.?

Finally reducing energy consumption and waste should be given greater emphasis, it is the only long term solution. Although there are powerful lobbyists to make sure we all consume more and more, but Scotland's interest is surely best served by:-

reducing energy demand rather than finding different ways to make it.

reducing waste rather than finding different places to dump it or burn it.?

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