

# ELECTIONS TO THE CROFTING COMMISSION CONSULTATION PAPER ON DRAFT REGULATIONS

## Respondent Information Form

Please Note this form must be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

### 1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Scottish Crofting Federation

Title Mr  Ms  Mrs  Miss  Dr  *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

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### 3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

/

Group/Organisation

*Please tick as appropriate*

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

*Please tick as appropriate*  Yes  No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

*Please tick ONE of the following boxes*

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation *will be* made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your *response* to be made available?

*Please tick as appropriate*  Yes  No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

*Please tick as appropriate*  Yes  No

## Consultation Response Form

**Q1 – Do you agree with the draft regulations on the eligibility of electors?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q2 – Do you agree with the draft regulations on the disqualification of electors?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q3 – Do you agree with the draft regulations on the eligibility and disqualification of candidates?**

Yes  No

We are happy to go along with this, though the question has been raised as to why there needs to be a nomination at all. If a candidate fulfils pre-agreed eligibility criteria then they should be able to stand and the voter will be the judge as to their desirability.

**Q4 – Do you agree with the proposed constituency boundaries in the draft regulations?**

Yes  No

We are happy to go along with Option 2.

An Option 3 whereby constituencies 2&3 and 5&6 in Option 2 are merged and the two larger constituencies have two commissioners each has been suggested. It is a good suggestion as it has a more balanced ratio of crofters to commissioner. However, we do not want the process held up by this suggestion and will go with Option 2 in order to keep the process on track.

**Q5 – Do you agree with the arrangements for filling vacancies in the draft regulations?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q6 – Do you agree with the arrangements for absent and proxy voting in the draft regulations?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q7 – Do you have any comments on other issues contained within Part II of the draft regulations?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q8 – Do you agree with arrangements in Part III of the Regulations on the issue and receipt of ballot papers?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q9 – Do you agree with the proposed offences in Part IV of the Regulations?**

Yes  No

Whilst we agree with the intention to stop interference with free and fair elections, the offences and proposed punishments seem quite heavy-handed. But it is impossible to gauge in relation to other public bodies as we do not have that information. If this is in line with elections to other similar public bodies we will accept them. If they are not in line with other public bodies they should be.

**Q10 – Do you agree with the Part V of the Regulations?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Q11 – Do you have any other comments on the draft regulations?**

Yes  No

Comments