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