

Scotland The Hydro Nation: Prospectus and Proposals for Legislation



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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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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Group/Organisation

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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

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PROCESS

Consultation is an essential and important aspect of Scottish Government working methods. Given the wide-ranging areas of work of the Scottish Government, there are many varied types of consultation. However, in general, Scottish Government consultation exercises aim to provide opportunities for all those who wish to express their opinions on a proposed area of work to do so in ways which will inform and enhance that work.

The Scottish Government encourages consultation that is thorough, effective and appropriate to the issue under consideration and the nature of the target audience. Consultation exercises take account of a wide range of factors, and no two exercises are likely to be the same.

Typically Scottish Government consultations involve a written paper inviting answers to specific questions or more general views about the material presented. Written papers are distributed to organisations and individuals with an interest in the issue, and they are also placed on the Scottish Government web site enabling a wider audience to access the paper and submit their responses. Consultation exercises may also involve seeking views in a number of different ways, such as through public meetings, focus groups or questionnaire exercises. Copies of all the written responses received to a consultation exercise (except those where the individual or organisation requested confidentiality) are placed in the Scottish Government library at Saughton House, Edinburgh (K Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD, telephone 0131 244 4565).

All Scottish Government consultation papers and related publications (eg, analysis of response reports) can be accessed at: [Scottish Government consultations](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations) (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>)

The views and suggestions detailed in consultation responses are analysed and used as part of the decision making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. Depending on the nature of the consultation exercise the responses received may:

- indicate the need for policy development or review
- inform the development of a particular policy
- help decisions to be made between alternative policy proposals
- be used to finalise legislation before it is implemented

Final decisions on the issues under consideration will also take account of a range of other factors, including other available information and research evidence.

While details of particular circumstances described in a response to a consultation exercise may usefully inform the policy process, consultation exercises cannot address individual concerns and comments, which should be directed to the relevant public body.

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Please provide comments on Scotland The Hydro Nation: Prospectus and Proposals for Legislation

Joint response to “Scotland The Hydro Nation Prospectus and Proposals for Legislation” from the Centre of Expertise for Waters and the Centre of Expertise for Climate Change

The Centre of Expertise for Waters (CREW) and the Centre of Expertise for Climate Change (CXC) were established in April 2011 by the Scottish Government with the aim of creating two world renowned centres of expertise to deliver objective, independent integrated and authoritative evidence to support the Scottish Government in relation to its activities on water and climate change respectively. [CREW](#) and [CXC](#) welcome and support the proposals for creating a Hydro Nation, and view the establishment of The Centres and their progress in the first year as a spring board to implementation of the vision.

CREW is led by the James Hutton Institute and draws in experts from all Scottish Higher Education Institutes. In particular CREW includes the main water related science networks in Scotland:

- [MASTS](#) - The Marine Alliance for Science & Technology for Scotland
- the [National Telford Institute](#) - an alliance of Scottish universities, formed to facilitate and promote research collaborations in Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering
- [SAGES](#) – Scottish Alliance for Geoscience, Environment and Society
- [IHP HELP centre](#) - at the University of Dundee which is a group who bring together expertise in water law, water science and water policy.

[The James Hutton Institute](#) itself is a leading research institute for water, land, crops, the environment and communities.

CXC is a collaborative initiative between sixteen of Scotland’s leading research and higher education institutions undertaking work on climate change and the transition to a low carbon economy, including research on water related activities.

Both CREW and CXC look forward to working with the Scottish Government to further develop the Hydro Nation vision and contribute to its implementation as part of Scotland’s transition to a low carbon water economy.