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Ring of Kerry Quality Lamb Co-Op. Ltd.  
Killoggin, Co Kerry.

We are a group of 23 shareholders.  
Predominantly farming in mountainous  
areas.

We held a meeting of the society to  
discuss the issues in relation to burning  
& hedgecutting and the maintenance of  
uplands.

Please find below the views of  
our members,

Hedgecutting wasn't as big an issue  
for our members as burning, as  
it is not as weather dependant,

### Burning of vegetation

A.

Our members feel the  
date for burning should be extended  
to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, because the  
current cut off date does not allow  
for effective management of uplands.  
because vegetation hasn't got an  
opportunity to dry out.

B.

Should different closed periods be introduced  
for burning as opposed to hedgecutting,  
The meeting would not have an issue  
with this but the important point is  
that the legal date for burning would  
be moved to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

C The meeting feels that there is no merit in having different rules applying in different areas,

D Derogations would be beneficial if as they would allow the farmer deal with unusual or unforeseen situations,

E, The feeling of the meeting was that this flexibility would not be necessary if the above suggestions were implemented

Kindly yours.

Michael Horan (Secretary)

Tom Cobby (Chairman)

An Roinn Ealaíon, Oldhreachta  
agus Gaeltachta

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