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To: Nature Conservation
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8th January 2015

Dear Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting my views on the proposed review to legislative controls set out in Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012 governing the Control of burning and hedge cutting.

I am from a family who have grazed sheep & cattle on the Commonage in the Dublin mountains for at least 200 years.

Question 1 in relation to Hedge Cutting :-

I feel the dates should be changed to end July as we live in a rural area with narrow roads, more traffic and numbers of walkers have increased hugely in the past couple of years. It would ensure less danger from overgrown trees/hedges shrubs etc.

Question (a) in relation to Burning of Vegetation :-

No. Currently Vegetation can be burnt from Start Sept until end February, I think on Uplands it should be changed due to late growth and weather conditions perhaps to start April.

Question (b)

Yes, different closed periods should be introduced for burning as opposed to hedge cutting. Hedgecutting from End July & burning extended to 1st April.

Question (c)

Yes, different rules should apply due to growth being slower on the unenclosed land.

Question (d)

No, I feel derogations or licencing being introduced during closed period wouldn't be necessary if the dates for burning were extended until April for Upland areas.

Question (e)

Yes, by ministerial order.

