Ring of Kerry Quality Lamb Co-op Ltd.
Killorglin, Co. Kerry.

1-1-2015

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
as hedgescutting and the maintenance of
uplands.

Please find below the views of
our members,

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

A. Burning of Vegetation

Our members feel the date for burning should be extended
to the 15th 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 hedgescutting,
the meeting would not have an issue
with this but the important point is
that the legal date for burning should
be moved to the 15th of April.
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 thorup (Secretary)

Tom Casey (Chairman)

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An Roinn Ealaion, Oldhreachta agus Gaeltachta

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