

POW OF INCHAFFRAY DRAINAGE COMMISSION (SCOTLAND) BILL

Written submission received by Michael Robb

As a resident of The Mill estate in Balgowan I would like to express my deep concerns over the fairness of this Bill.

I understand some of my neighbours from the Balgowan Community have already raised many of our shared concerns on variety of issues regarding the Bill, so in the interests of brevity, I will share only my main issues.

My prime issue is the lack of fairness in payments made to the Commission. I feel our houses contribute far more proportionally than our surrounding farms, many of which are owned by Commissioners. One neighbouring farm pays an annual sum which is a little over twice my own property's contribution. How can this be fair when that property includes; 4 cottages, a farm house, farm buildings and 1000s of acres of land?

I find it difficult to believe in Scotland 2017 that the people set to gain most from the division of contributions i.e. The Commission are indeed the people who will decide which payments will be made by each property.