

**Local Government and Communities Committee**

**Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill**

**Submission from Wilson Dunlop**

The Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill in summary: 2017.

**Section 9** gives Ministers the power to make regulations that will ensure that local authority influence over a RSL – e.g. by nominating members to a governing body – is not so great that it counts as public sector control.

Local Authorities should not have the power to nominate elected members to Housing Association boards as part of transfer agreement. Housing Associations do not have any control over who is nominated by local authority to serve on Boards and effectively become members of the association.

I have previous experience having served on the board of a (LSVT), **Large Scale Voluntary Transfer**, involving a Local Authority transferring the ownership of its housing to a housing association with the agreement of its existing council tenants.

Wilson Dunlop

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