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**LEASUITHE COISTE
COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

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Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 2

1. In page 6, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“ “ancient woodlands” means those woodlands which have had continuous tree cover since 1650 or before and which are most likely to have arisen naturally and to be descended from Ireland’s original forests;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

2. In page 6, line 4, after “means a” to insert “suitably competent”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

3. In page 6, line 25, to delete “0.1 hectare” and substitute “0.5 hectares and five metres in height”.

—Martin Ferris.

4. In page 7, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“ “Rio Forest Principles” means the “Forest Principles” adopted at The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro in 1992;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

5. In page 7, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“ “sustainable forest management” means the management of forests following the definition of sustainable forest management as set out in the 1992 Rio Forest Principles.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

SECTION 5

6. In page 8, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“5. This Act may be commenced in whole or in part by order of the Minister but not before a regulatory impact analysis of the sections to be enacted is carried out.”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

7. In page 8, line 11, after “afforestation” to insert “and timber production”.

—Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív.

8. In page 8, line 11, after “afforestation” to insert the following:

“and establish legally binding annual targets for sustainable afforestation which would ensure that Ireland achieves the EU average of 30 per cent forest cover by 2050”.

—Thomas Pringle.

9. In page 8, delete lines 12 to 16, to insert the following:

“(b) to promote sustainable forest management as set out in the 1992 Rio Forest Principles, forest resources and forest lands should be sustainably managed to meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of present and future generations. These needs are for forest products and services, such as wood and wood products, water, food, fodder, medicine, fuel, shelter, employment, recreation, habitats for wildlife, landscape diversity, carbon sinks and reservoirs, and for other forest products;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

10. In page 8, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(c) to promote research and development in the forestry section;”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

11. In page 8, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“(g) to promote research in forestry and related matters;”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

12. In page 8, line 25, after “against” to insert “the harmful effects of pollution including airborne pollution and”.

—Thomas Pringle.

13. In page 8, line 26, after “species” to insert “in order to maintain their full multiple value”.

—Thomas Pringle.

14. In page 8, line 33, after “to promote the” to insert “production and”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

15. In page 8, to delete lines 36 to 42 and substitute the following:

“(m) to promote and monitor the protection and enhancement of water quality and water status in all aspects of forestry, so as to ensure that forestry plans, operations and forest-based activities regulated under this Act are compatible with the requirements of Directive No. 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 on water policy;”.

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—Thomas Pringle.

16. In page 8, line 37, after “quality” to insert “and water status”.

—Thomas Pringle.

17. In page 8, line 37 and 38, to delete “including ensuring” and substitute “so as to ensure”.

—Thomas Pringle.

18. In page 8, line 38, after “forestry” to insert “plans,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

19. In page 9, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(o) to promote conservation, expansion, restoration, and positive management of natural and semi-natural woodlands, including the remnants of Ancient woodland and ensure that management plans are put in place for these woodlands once identified, whether they occur in Special Areas of Conservation or Natural Heritage Areas or otherwise, and that this is prioritised in forest policy;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

20. In page 9, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(o) to promote silviculture based on natural conditions using continuous cover forest planning and management using native species adapted to the site, having small scale operations and by encouraging natural regeneration, ensuring the protection of rare, endangered, and ecologically important areas while maintaining, conserving and enhancing biological diversity in forest ecosystems;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

21. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(p) to encourage and facilitate the development of a competitive timber industry and the creation of jobs in rural Ireland;

(q) to promote and facilitate the provision of a sufficient supply of sawlog at competitive prices to meet the requirements of the timber industry.”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

22. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to provide information to ensure the public and other authorities are regularly informed on the role and condition of forests as well as on all forestry activities.

(3) The Minister has a duty to ensure that all Irish citizens and environmental NGOs are entitled to participate in forestry planning and management at local and national level, ranging from public enquiries to environmental assessments and monitoring.”.

—Martin Ferris.

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23. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to provide information to ensure the public and other authorities are regularly informed on the role and condition of forests as well as on all forestry activities.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

24. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to ensure that all the people who live in Ireland and environmental NGOs are entitled to participate in forest planning and management at local and national level, ranging from public enquiries to environmental assessment and monitoring.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

SECTION 6

25. In page 9, to delete lines 14 and 15.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

26. In page 9, line 20, after “guidelines” to insert the following:

“that incorporate binding requirements as in section 28 of the Planning Act”.

—Thomas Pringle.

27. In page 9, to delete lines 22 to 24 and substitute the following:

“(e) purchase land that is for sale, land swap, or lease for afforestation or any other forestry related activity,”.

—Martin Ferris.

28. In page 9, line 22, after “purchase” to insert “land for sale, land swap or lease”.

—Thomas Pringle.

29. In page 9, line 22, after “purchase” to insert “, other than by compulsory order,”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

30. In page 9, to delete line 30.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 7

31. In page 9, to delete line 40.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

32. In page 10, line 2, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“, but only where it accords with the principles of sustainable forest management as defined in *section 2*”.

—Thomas Pringle.

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33. In page 10, line 2, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“which shall be proportionate to achieving the Act’s objectives and shall not impose additional costs on the sector that are not justified”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

34. In page 10, line 9, to delete “having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including” and substitute “where there is”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

35. In page 10, line 10, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“, but a revocation of a licence or of another foregoing matter shall not take place unless the Minister is satisfied that—

- (i) there are substantial grounds warranting that course of action, and
- (ii) the exercise of none of the other powers under this subsection would remedy the matter”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

36. In page 10, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“(3) A Minister who subsequently introduces conditions leading to the implementation of *subsection (2)(b)* shall compensate the forest owners if she or he incurs an economic loss.”.

—Martin Ferris.

37. In page 10, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“(3) The Minister may apply the provisions of *section 11(f)** in certain circumstances.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

[*This is a reference to a section proposed to be inserted by amendment 54.]

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38. In page 10, between line 33 and 34, to insert the following:

- “8. (1) The Minister should establish a working group based on the Forestry Liaison Group, with balanced representation for the social, environmental and economic stakeholders.
- (2) The working group may create sub-groups to issue advice on specific areas when required in consultation with the Minister.
- (3) The working group should have input in setting of agendas and work.
- (4) The working group should act as a link between international and national forest policies.
- (5) The terms of reference of the working group should be set by the stakeholders and be guided by the Rio Forest Principles.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

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[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 8 of the Bill]

—Thomas Pringle.

39. In page 10, line 36, after “functions” to insert “under the relevant statutory provisions”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

SECTION 9

40. In page 11, to delete lines 19 to 23 and substitute the following:

“9. (1) A person shall not disclose confidential information obtained by him or her while performing, or as a result of having performed, duties as a member of a committee unless he or she is authorised to do so by the Minister or as provided by law.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

41. In page 11, line 23, after “so” to insert the following:

“, save where such disclosures may be deemed to be in the public interest, particularly where such disclosures are made in the interests of sustainable forest management”.

—Thomas Pringle.

42. In page 11, to delete lines 24 to 26 and substitute the following:

“(2) A person who contravenes *subsection (1)** shall be guilty of an offence and be liable, on summary conviction, to a class E fine.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

[This is a reference to the subsection proposed to be inserted by amendment 40.]*

43. In page 11, line 25, to delete “class A fine” and substitute “class B fine”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

44. In page 11, lines 26, to delete “6 months” and substitute “3 months”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

Section opposed.

—Martin Ferris.

SECTION 10

45. In page 11, line 38, to delete “may” and substitute “should”.

—Martin Ferris, Thomas Pringle.

46. In page 11, after line 43, to insert the following:

“(2) The detail required in a forest management plan shall be proportionate to the area of forestry.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

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47. In page 12, line 6, after “may” to insert “having stated his reasons for doing so”.

—Martin Ferris.

48. In page 12, between lines 14 and 15, to insert the following:

“(7) Prior to the making of regulations the Minister shall consult with the relevant Oireachtas Committee.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

Section opposed.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 11

49. In page 12, line 19, to delete “have regard to” and substitute “ensure that”.

—Thomas Pringle.

50. In page 12, line 20, after “forestry” to insert “and timber industry”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

51. In page 12, to delete line 21, and substitute the following:

“(b) lead with reference to all relevant national forest policy and national forest standards,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

52. In page 12, to delete line 23, and substitute the following:

“(i) protected semi-natural habitats and protected species that may be impacted by forest activities, both inside and outside the forest, and whether within or outside protected areas, and”.

—Thomas Pringle.

53. In page 12, line 37, after “Regulations,” to insert the following:

“including in each case consideration of in combination effects of afforestation and other plans or projects,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

54. In page 13, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(f) where the forests or forest management practices are clearly recognised to be contributing to the public good or to the benefit of specified environmental receptors, especially those linked to European Designations, the Minister may, in certain circumstances, choose to financially recognise the forest owner for the provision of these ecosystem services.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

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SECTION 13

55. In page 13, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

“13. (1) The Minister may require the carrying out of ecological surveys of any afforestation sites to:

(a) prevent damage to species and habitats that the state has responsibility to protect, or

(b) prevent genetic pollution of existing and ancient woodlands, which might be adversely impacted by new plantations of native species of an exotic source.

(2) The Minister will make provision for concerned citizens to petition him/her for an ecological survey to be conducted where a citizen believes the ecological integrity of a forest or protected species or habitats are endangered by activities within or outside the forest.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

56. In page 13, to delete lines 21 to 30 and substitute the following:

“(a) the owner or manager of a forest, requiring him or her to furnish to the Minister within 28 days or such longer period as may be specified in the notice, such particulars in relation to the forest, including the area, species, numbers and volumes of trees felled during a specified period, and such other information as may be specified in the notice;”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

57. In page 13, to delete lines 21 to 30 and substitute the following:

“(a) the collection of information for statistical purposes be undertaken by the Forestry Service on a voluntary capacity as per other agricultural commodities;”.

—Martin Ferris.

58. In page 13, to delete lines 21 to 30.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

59. In page 13, line 22, after “days” to insert “, if investigating alleged offences,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

60. In page 13, line 33, after “days” to insert “, if investigating alleged offences,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

61. In page 13, line 39, after “notice” to insert “provided this information is readily available and is not commercially sensitive”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

62. In page 13, line 48, to delete “class A fine” and substitute “class E fine”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

SECTION 15

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63. In page 14, line 34, after “destroyed” to insert the following:

“so far as it is reasonably practicable to do so”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

64. In page 15, to delete lines 11 to 15 and substitute the following:

“(c) subject to *subsection (5)**, a species protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012 or the Habitats Regulations.

(5) Notwithstanding *subsection (4)(c)*, where the power under *subsection (1)* is exercised nothing in this section shall be construed as authorising or requiring, on foot of the notice concerned, the destruction of, or the taking of any other steps in relation to, species falling within *subsection (4)(c)* otherwise than in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under—

(a) the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012, or

(b) the Habitats Regulations.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

[*This is a reference to the subsection being inserted by this amendment]

Section opposed.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 16

65. In page 15, between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following:

“ “Authority” means the Property Registration Authority;”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

SECTION 17

66. In page 15, between lines 34 and 35, to insert the following:

“(2) A licence approval will issue in default of decision by the Minister 12 weeks from receipt of the application. This approval, however, will be waived if there is requirement for an Environmental Impact Statement or Appropriate Assessment.”.

—Martin Ferris.

67. In page 15, between lines 34 and 35, to insert the following:

“(3) The Minister would be obliged to pay to the forest owner, compensation based on the value of trees at date of claim, if a licence was refused.”.

—Martin Ferris.

68. In page 15, line 36, to delete “5 years” and substitute “10 years”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

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69. In page 15, between lines 36 and 37, to insert the following:

“(b) Notwithstanding *paragraph (a)*, licences for thinning operations up to clearfell stage shall be issued to include all standard commercial thinning which accords with good forestry practice;”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

70. In page 16, line 4, after “conditions” to insert “that are in accordance with good forest practices”.

—Martin Ferris.

71. In page 16, line 8, to delete “replanting” and substitute “reforestation”.

—Thomas Pringle.

72. In page 15, line 10, after “species” to insert “and provenance”.

—Thomas Pringle.

73. In page 16, line 14, after “specified” to insert the following:

“as long as such conditions are in line with good forest practice and generally concur with the forest management objectives of the forest owner”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

74. In page 16, line 30, to delete “, and” and substitute “within 28 days of receipt of licence application,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

75. In page 16, line 33, after “require” to insert “within 28 days of receipt of licence application”.

—Thomas Pringle.

76. In page 16, between lines 33 and 34, to insert the following:

“(6) The Minister shall make a decision on a licence application, with or without conditions, within a period not exceeding 90 days.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

77. In page 16, between lines 39 and 40, to insert the following:

“(i) to a fixed payment notice as provided for in *section 23*,”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

78. In page 17, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“(10) All licence decisions shall issue within 8 weeks of all the required information being provided by the applicant.

(11) In the event of a licence being refused on the basis of the value of the timber, full compensation shall be paid to the applicant for the value of the timber.”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 18

79. In page 17, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“Time period for decisions on applications for felling licences

18. (1) It shall be the objective of the Minister to ensure that every application under *section 17* for a licence (a “felling licence application”) is determined within a period of 4 months beginning on the date of receipt by the Minister of the application.
- (2) Where it appears to the Minister that it would not be possible or appropriate, because of the particular circumstances of a felling licence application or because of the number of such applications which have been submitted to the Minister, to determine a felling licence application within the period referred to in *subsection (1)*, the Minister shall, by notice in writing served on the applicant for the licence, inform the applicant of the reasons why it would not be possible or appropriate to determine the application within that period and shall specify the date before which the Minister intends that the application shall be determined.
- (3) Where a notice has been served under *subsection (2)*, the Minister shall take all such steps as are open to him or her to ensure that the application is determined before the date specified in the notice.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

80. In page 18, line 10, to delete “5 years” and substitute “10 years”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

81. In page 18, line 25, to delete “10 metres” and substitute “5 metres”.

—Thomas Pringle.

82. In page 18, to delete lines 28 to 32 and substitute the following:

- “(iii) on an agricultural holding and removed by the owner for use on that holding, provided—
- (I) it does not form part of a decorative avenue or ring of trees,
- (II) its volume does not exceed 3 cubic metres, and
- (III) the removal of it, by the owner for the foregoing purpose, when taken together with the removal of other such trees by the owner for that purpose, would not result in the total volume of trees, on that holding and removed by the owner for that purpose, exceeding 15 cubic metres in any period of 12 months.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

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83. In page 18, line 29, to delete “on an agricultural holding” and substitute the following:

“, nor a constituent of parkland or wood pasture, including ancient, heritage and veteran trees, on an agricultural holding, including farm forestry,”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

84. In page 18, line 33, after “species,” to insert “below a certain size,”.

—Thomas Pringle.

85. In page 18, line 35 and 36, to delete “20 centimetres” and substitute “10 centimetres”.

—Thomas Pringle.

86. In page 18, line 37, after “ground” to insert “or is not a hedgerow of historical, ecological and/or landscape”.

—Martin Ferris.

87. In page 18, line 37, after “ground” to insert “or is not in a hedgerow of historical, ecological and/or landscape significance”.

—Thomas Pringle.

88. In page 18, between lines 43 and 44, to insert the following:

“(2) A tree within—

- (a) the curtilage or attendant grounds of a protected structure under Chapter 1 of Part IV of the Act of 2000,
- (b) an area subject to a special amenity area order, or
- (c) a landscape conservation area under section 204 of the Act of 2000,

shall not be an exempted tree, unless it is a tree to which *subsection (1)(a), (b), (e), (f) or (g), or subparagraph (i) or (ii) of subsection (1)(m), applies.*”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

89. In page 18, between lines 43 and 44, to insert the following:

“(2) Provision should be given to encourage natural regeneration of scrub back to high natural forest as scrub is a valuable habitat. Scrub should be designated as agroforestry.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

SECTION 20

90. In page 19, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

“20. (1) Where a replanting order is served on any person (including a variation to such an order under *section 25(9)*), the Minister may, as soon as may be after so serving or varying the order, send a copy thereof to the Authority which shall—

- (a) in the case of registered land, register the replanting order as a burden affecting

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such land, or

(b) in the case of unregistered land, register the replanting order as a deed within the meaning of Part 3 of the Act of 2006.

(2) Where—

(a) *subsection (1)* applies, and

(b) in whole or in part, the burden has been discharged or modified,

the Minister shall, upon application by the owner, issue to the Authority a certificate stating the extent to which, in his or her opinion, the burden has been discharged, or modified.

(3) The Authority shall, on receipt of the certificate, register it as proof of the discharge, partial discharge, or modification (according to the terms of the certificate) of the burden.

(4) The Minister shall send a copy of the certificate to the owner.

(5) No fees shall be payable to the Authority in respect of any steps taken under this section.”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of Section 20 of the Bill.]

Section opposed.

—Thomas Pringle, Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 21

91. In page 20, line 9, after “officers” to insert “competent in the area of forestry regulation”.

—Martin Ferris.

SECTION 24

Section opposed.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

SECTION 26

92. In page 25, line 38, to delete “A person” and substitute “A person under whose direction the activities are being conducted”.

—Martin Ferris.

SECTION 29

93. In page 28, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“(w) importation of forestry products or materials;”.

—Thomas Pringle.

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94. In page 29, between lines 39 and 40, to insert the following:

- “(p) facilitating the development of a competitive timber industry and employment in rural Ireland;
- (q) promoting and facilitating the provision of a sufficient supply of sawlog at competitive prices to meet the requirements of the timber industry.”.

—Éamon Ó Cuív.

95. In page 30, lines 33 and 34, to delete “Council Directive 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985” and substitute the following:

“Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011³”.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

SECTION 30

96. In page 31, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“30. Provision shall be made for a review of the Forestry Act 1988 to redefine Coillte objectives and operations.”.

—Martin Ferris.

97. In page 31, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“30. Provision shall be made for a review of the the Forestry Act 1988 for the purpose of improving the consistency of Coillte objectives and operations in line with the Rio Forest Principles.”.

—Thomas Pringle.

SECTION 32

Section opposed.

—Thomas Pringle, Éamon Ó Cuív

SECTION 34

98. In page 33, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“Amendment of Agriculture Appeals Act 2001

34. The Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 is amended—

(a) in section 5—

- (i) in subsection (1), by substituting “Schedule 1” for “the Schedule”, and
- (ii) by substituting for subsection (2) the following:

“(2) The Minister may, for the purpose of—

(a) the reorganisation of schemes,

³ OJ No. L 026, 28.1.2012, p.1.

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- (b) deleting spent schemes,
- (c) giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under schemes that may come into existence, or
- (d) in the case of any enactments or statutory instruments, giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under enactments or statutory instruments that may be passed or made (and not for the time being set out in Schedule 2),

amend by regulations Schedule 1 or 2, as appropriate, by adding an item to, or deleting an item from, either of those Schedules.”,

(b) in section 7(1) by substituting “Schedule 1” for “Schedule”,

(c) by inserting the following after section 14:

“Establishment of Forestry Appeals Committee and its function

14A. (1) The Minister shall establish a committee, which shall be known and is in this Act referred to as the Forestry Appeals Committee, consisting of a chairperson and such and so many other members (not being less than 2) as the Minister determines.

(2) The function of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall be to hear and determine appeals specified in subsection (4).

(3) An officer of the Minister shall be eligible for appointment as a member (including as chairperson) of the Forestry Appeals Committee but, in a case where a majority (or all) of the members of the Committee are such officers, a majority of such officers shall be of a grade senior to the grade of the officer who made the decision, the subject of the appeal to the Committee.

(4) Where a person is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Minister or an officer of the Minister under an enactment or statutory instrument set out in Schedule 2, he or she may appeal to the Forestry Appeals Committee against the decision and, on the hearing of the appeal, the Committee may confirm, cancel or vary the decision as it thinks fit.

(5) The decision of the Forestry Appeals Committee on such an appeal shall, subject to subsection (6), be final and conclusive.

(6) Any person dissatisfied with a decision of the Forestry Appeals Committee may appeal that decision to the High Court on any question of law.”,

(d) by renumbering the Schedule as Schedule 1 and inserting the following Schedule after it:

“SCHEDULE 2

Section 7 of the Forestry Act 2014

Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Forest Consent and

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Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 558 of 2010) Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Aerial Fertilisation) (Forestry) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 125 of 2012)”.’.

—An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of Section 34 of the Bill.]

SECTION 34

99. In page 33, line 28, after “an” to insert “independent”.

—Martin Ferris.