

Dear Sir/Madam,

Lord Bonomy Review

We wish to make a submission to the above review.

We are a family sheep farm in the Scottish Borders lambing 4000 ewes outside in late April/May, something that would not be possible without the fox control provided by the Jedforest Hunt.

We are particularly concerned about a proposal, heard on the radio today, to limit the number of dogs to two that can be used for flushing foxes to guns, this would render the main part of our fox control plan ineffective.

There are large blocks of forestry in this area and you need the number of hounds, not only to search the woods successfully but apply enough pressure to persuade the fox to leave the woods to present a target to the guns.

In our opinion using two or a limited number of dogs would be a totally useless and we consider the current legislation to work for the interests of the rural and urban communities alike.

Yours faithfully,

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