



The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Paul,

We write to welcome the decision taken by Lord Pentland this week at the Court of Session which found in favour of the Scottish Government's actions on fracking in Scotland.

We believe the Scottish Government's stance, which secured the backing of the Scottish Parliament, has clearly been vindicated.

As a result there is no change to policy on fracking in Scotland and communities in our constituencies and across Scotland can rest assured that permission is not about to be given for fracking near their homes.

Whilst we recognise, and welcome that the Scottish Government is rightly ensuring that future policy is robust and can be defended against any further legal challenges we are aware of the imminent issue regarding PEDL 162, the licence which is due for renewal on 30th June.

Given the current robust stance taken by the Scottish Government, and on behalf of the majority of our constituents, we would strongly urge you to refrain from renewing PEDL 162.

We acknowledge the Scottish Government's statutory obligations and the need to minimise the risk of further legal challenges.

We would, therefore, be grateful if you would confirm our understanding that no fracking would be allowed to take place in this area.

We look forward to receiving your considered reply in due course.

Yours for Scotland,



Angus MacDonald MSP
Falkirk East Constituency



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Linlithgow and East Falkirk Constituency



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