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Background

In 2012, the Scottish Government convened an independent review group to consider matters of land law and policy in Scotland. The remit of the Land Reform Review Group was to explore measures that would enable more people in Scotland to have a stake in land use and management. After an evidence gathering process, an Interim Report and a slight reshuffle of membership, the LRRG published its Final Report on 23 May 2014, entitled “The Land of Scotland and the Common Good”.

Whilst the Report does not represent legislation or even a commitment to legislate, it does provide a benchmark for future reform in Scotland. It also provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on where Scots law is at the moment and consider where it ought to be.



Event Details

This symposium will consider matters across the wide spectrum of practice areas that land law reform touches on, including matters as diverse as succession law and planning law.



The session will be chaired by Malcolm Combe from the University of Aberdeen, an adviser to the LRRG appointed in June 2013. Confirmed speakers include Professor Roderick Paisley of the University of Aberdeen, who will consider the Report's proposals for the law of succession, and Robert Sutherland of Terra Firma Chambers, who will be addressing the issues of “ownerless land” and “common good land” identified by the LRRG. Alasdair Sutherland, advocate, will address planning law concerns and Michael P G Smith will be consider the proposed upper limit on landownership.

The event will be followed by a short reception sponsored by Terra Firma Chambers. Attendance is free of charge. Please contact the School of Law to secure your place.

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