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### **Loch Ness under wind turbines attack**

Despite protests from all over the world, promoters want to build giant wind turbines around Loch Ness in Scotland. The Scottish Government is doing nothing to curb the applications for hundreds of turbines on these iconic hills and mountains.

To allow this industrialization to continue unabated would bear an unacceptable attack on this site, world famous for the beauty of its landscapes, and which we hope will soon be listed as the World Heritage of UNESCO.

The impacts of these industrial machines, most over 125 m high, visible day and night will be catastrophic in the landscapes that are still miraculously preserved from destructive industrialization.

Loch Ness is an emblematic site, visited each year by millions of people coming from all over the world. This is one of the main jewels of Scotland. If these projects are implemented, they will destroy the world renowned Great Glen. This fact will harm not only the global image of Scotland but also its economy as it will deter the tourists who flock to Loch Ness to breathe in the pure air and marvel at the natural beauty of what surrounds them. Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Government have not produced any update of wind turbine numbers currently in the planning process in Scotland for some considerable time.

People across Scotland want to know - they have a right to know - how many industrial wind turbines are operational, approved and in the planning system.

It is time to stop accepting any more turbine applications and to allow those approved to be constructed so that we can stand back and see if they are performing as promised and if the landscape can absorb any more. To continue without having that knowledge is unacceptable and irresponsible.

Highland campaigners, ordinary people, decided to do their own counting and produced a video based on what they found to alert the world to what is happening to somewhere incredibly special and irreplaceable and that they are fighting fiercely to protect. <sup>(1)</sup>

We ask to UNESCO to protect this unique site and to try to stop further implementation of these machines. Through UNESCO saved in France Mont Saint Michel, which also risked being a victim of these machines. Your organization can let the Scottish Parliament know they are wrong and must stop these projects.

(1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMMUY07Gj18>

*Please do take the time to view the video. It is six and a half minutes out of your day - it is a lifetime of destruction for Scotland's heritage and her iconic Loch.*

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