

## **Energy Elephant**

Hi there,

I'm glad to see some focus on forestry in Ireland, however I have some concerns about this current Bill as proposed.

It limits that relevant persons who can appeal against a forestry permission, and seems to exclude many people who may have a legitimate interest in the local (and broader) environment and changes to same. The entire ecosystem is inter-connected & inter-dependent, and should not be treated as isolated pockets of forestry.. as this bill seems to do.

Adding fees of an arbitrary amount seems to be intended to discourage appeals, and can easily be misused to make appeals excessively costly..

Regards,