

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

Inquiry Report under section 33 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Clan Donald Lands Trust (SC007862)

Introduction

Clan Donald Lands Trust is a charitable trust registered as a charity on 6 May 1971. It owns lands and property on the Isle of Skye, including Armadale Castle and Sleat Estate.

Background

OSCR opened an inquiry in April 2025 into the Clan Donalds Lands Trust (the charity) following the decision by the trustees to sell the charity's significant landholdings on the open market.

A closing date of 28 August has been set for the sale of the Sleat Estate. This is the deadline for any interested parties to submit an offer.

Our inquiries have focused on engagement with the charity trustees to understand the trustee's decision making and establish the rationale for the sale within the context of the charity's current financial position. The charity trustees have co-operated fully with the inquiry and provided OSCR with information as requested.

Findings

Having considered the information provided, OSCR has established no grounds to intervene in the decision of the charity trustees to sell its landholdings including the Sleat Estate and Armadale property assets. OSCR will not be intervening in the sale. The charity's trustees have acted within their powers and taken legal and financial advice prior to placing the charity's landholdings up for sale.

Charity trustees are the persons who have the general control and management of the administration of a charity. They are ultimately responsible for the management of the charity and as such they must make decisions and take certain actions. Whether others agree with their choices or not, OSCR cannot take action where the charity trustees have made decisions or taken actions that

are within the powers set out in the charity's governing document and have acted in accordance with their [legal duties](#) as charity trustees.

OSCR has now concluded and closed its inquiries into the charity.

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26 August 2025