

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



A full EIA has been commissioned for the Loch Toftingall Project. This extensive study will form part of the formal application to be made to The Highland Council.

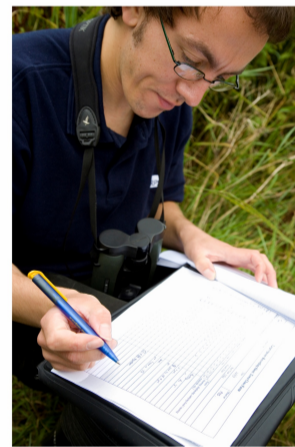
The environmental impact assessment process includes:

- Consultation with the local planning authority, various organisations and the public to identify specific concerns and issues;
- Determining the existing conditions at and around the proposed site by reviewing the available data and undertaking specialist field surveys;
- Assessing the potential impacts on the existing environment; and
- Mitigation proposals to alleviate any significant impacts identified.

The EIA work is on-going, and, to date we have carried out extensive surveys to gather data on the following:

- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats;
- Ecology;
- Hydrology;
- Noise;
- Landscape and visual impact;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Archaeology/cultural heritage; and
- Forestry.

Other desk-based assessments will include appraising the impacts of the proposed development on Health and safety (including fire risk and mitigation), socio-economics and climate change.



Field studies in progress