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Dear Mr Dodds

CAITHNESS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

At the last meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, there was some discussion on renewable energy and members expressed concerns that media reports concentrated heavily on the capabilities of Orkney and Nigg and that Caithness appeared to be overlooked on many occasions.

We are writing to stress the importance of Caithness to the potential opportunities that marine energy can realise and with a highly skilled workforce in Caithness it is important to make sure that we are also marketed as extensively as possible.

Our local councillors are doing all they can to raise the profile of Caithness but we ask that you and other councillors, outwith the Caithness and North Sutherland area, also ensure that Caithness' profile is raised as well.

We are copying this to Eann Sinclair to ensure this is tabled at the next Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership Executive meeting where perhaps it can be discussed and an agreed way forward to market this area, as well as Orkney and Nigg, is agreed.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Eann Sinclair, CNSRP Programme Manager