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Dear Sir

I refer to your letter dated 3rd August in response to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group's letter of 9th May on the subject of the Crown Estate Wave and Tidal Project Manager.

The DSG was disappointed that you took the view that a new post should be created in Edinburgh and not in Caithness. While we acknowledge your point regarding ease of day to day access with the developers it is somewhat disappointing to lose the presence of someone in Caithness which appeared to deliver successful outcomes for The Crown Estates.

In your letter to Sir Anthony Cleaver you assure him that you are very much committed to the successful completion of the Pentland Firth programme and to securing as much local employment benefit as possible. The DSG would be interested to understand what you are considering to bring local employment benefit.

Further, you recognise the importance of local stakeholder engagement in Caithness and Orkney and stated that you would, in partnership, be reviewing stakeholder engagement which was due to be completed in July/August. Could you please inform us of the findings of the review and how, if appropriate, stakeholder engagement will be implemented. It would also be useful to understand whether the review did in fact identify the need for a new local position to provide support in this area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Sir Anthony Cleaver, CNSRP  
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