

30th January 2012
Ref: DSG(2012)C003

Mr Martin Simpson
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Dear Martin

**Dounreay Stakeholder Group
Meeting with Crown Estates, 18th January 2012**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with representatives of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group when you were in Caithness on the 18th January 2012.

We are grateful that you shared the Crown Estate's plans for resourcing your contractual relationships with Marine Energy developers and also your plans for stakeholder engagement.

We understand that the Crown Estates have gone ahead with the recruitment of a contracts manager post in Edinburgh which, as you are aware, we continue to find very disappointing.

One of our key concerns is the gaps in stakeholder engagement arrangements and which we feel could be addressed by having a resource (on whatever basis, ie full time or part time) that was focussed on delivering successful engagement with local and regional stakeholders. We believe this post must be based in Caithness to maximise benefits for the local and regional area.

We also discussed the Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Leadership forum and the lack of information which flows from this group to wider stakeholders. We feel that, in terms of communications, there are gaps in this because there is not one person with the objective to ensure that these links were being met. This must be addressed because there is a fundamental lack of co-ordination between the leadership forum and project.

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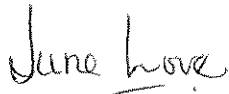
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In rounding up the meeting you agreed the following:

- Crown Estates would be willing to sit on the CNSRP (Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership) Advisory Board,
- Crown Estates would take up the issue of stakeholder engagement/communications back to the Leadership forum.
- Explore with the PFOW Leadership Forum whether Eann Sinclair, CNSRP Programme Manager could be invited to join the group.

Yours sincerely



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