

Sir

Your article in “view from the cliff” in the John O’Groats Journal of 25th October where you reported a partial shutdown of the site states that the operators of Dounreay did not think it was something which needed to be put into the public domain.

For the record, the partial shutdown of work at Dounreay due to a paperwork mismatch was indeed reported by Dounreay’s Managing Director at the public meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. Members of the DSG, and others who attended the public meeting, were able to question the regulators as well as site management and NDA.

Not only was it reported, there was also a full explanation provided along with some questioning by members of the DSG which will be fully minuted. Your reporter was also in attendance and had the opportunity to further question site management and the regulators. I have to assume your reporter found other issues much more interesting to report in the days and weeks following the meeting.

Therefore it was quite a surprise that your view was that this reflects a culture of secrecy. I can assure you and your readers that the Dounreay management has been very forthcoming in all that is happening at Dounreay. This is done via the various meetings held by the DSG and fully reported through into the public meetings which are held four times per year.

Yours sincerely

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