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Dear John

## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

I am writing on behalf of members of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group to raise our concerns about the two year secondments of the PBO secondees at Dounreay.

This issue has been raised several times at both sub group meetings and at the main public DSG meetings and follows on from ONR reports where they have also indicated their concerns about the effect of two year secondments on continuity and stability of site activities.

I must add here that the current Managing Director (Mark Rouse) and the NDA Head of Programme (Nigel Lowe) have both been very open with us on this subject. However, we understand that the Magnox competition took due account of lessons learnt from the Dounreay contract and the length of these secondments for the Magnox sites has been increased.

We understand that the only way to change the current position at Dounreay would be a change in the contract but given that there has been a tremendous amount of work in reprofiling the site decommissioning plan which has added a number of years to the interim end state and the obvious increase in the total cost of decommissioning the site we believe this would have been a good time to re-negotiate the length of time the PBO personnel are seconded to the site.

Given the press speculation of morale on the site, the recent spate of safety concerns and the extension to the interim end state date this will continue to be raised at public DSG meetings and likely to continue to be reported through the press.

I would welcome your views on this subject and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Flear', written in a cursive style.

**David Flear**  
**DSG Chairman**

Copies to:

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