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Mr Ian Ross  
CNSRP Chair

Dear Ian

#### **CITY REGION DEAL**

The Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) is represented by over 20 organisations and therefore this response is one that is generally agreed by most organisations. However, there are some organisations, who may not agree entirely with this submission and therefore these organisations have been encouraged to provide their own response

We have had some discussion regarding the Inverness City Region deal at the DSG. Vice Chair Cllr Struan Mackie, after enquiring and laying down some FOIs has discovered that only around 1% of the funding has come to Caithness, despite it being recognised by the council as a priority area due to the Dounreay rundown. Indeed the existence of the CNSRP is a further recognition of that.

As you know, this is a 10-year deal, with up to £53m coming from UK government and £135m from Scottish Government. The council and its regional partners committed up to £127m in the expectation of leveraging £800m from the private sector.

DSG reps met with Margaret Davidson and Stuart Black just over a year ago to express our misgivings. We believe that in the 8 or so years still to run there should be scope for the 'region' part of the deal to take place and that many of the themes of the deal are highly relevant to the Caithness and North Sutherland area. There is still resentment about the promises that the deal could free up HC capital spending when they subsequently cut their budget in half.

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Although we have raised this at the CNSRP previously, we would like to see a fuller discussion within the partnership on how the deal can become more equitable for the wider region, given there are items in the CNSRP plan that cannot all be accommodated from NDA etc socio-economic spend.

Yours sincerely

*Sent electronically without signature*

cc. Peter Faccenda, CNSRP Programme Manager