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Dear Fiona

The Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) wishes to record our support for the Caithness and North Sutherland Fund and the work it undertakes across the Dounreay travel-towork area.

A key focus of the DSG's work as the statutory scrutiny forum for the nuclear industry is to assess and provide scrutiny of socio-economic initiatives associated with the decommissioning of the Dounreay civil nuclear site. The Caithness and North Sutherland Fund, supported through generous grant funding by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, has provided demonstrable value to the Far North by funding key projects that improve the attractiveness of the region.

In funding applications that support Community Development, Environment Protection, Cultural Heritage and Infrastructure Improvements, the Caithness and North Sutherland Fund has been instrumental in delivering local projects.

In almost all cases, the funding it has provided has been part of leveraging further funding streams and generating additional and immediately realisable value within our community.

It is therefore without hesitation that the DSG wishes to acknowledge our support for the work the Caithness and North Sutherland has done since its inception and looks forward to the work it will do for the region going forward.

Regards

## Sent electronically without signature

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