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Dear Sir/Madam,

AMEC Wind Energy fully support the representation made by the industry group Scottish Renewables Forum and will not repeat their points.

We would additionally like to add that onshore renewables are also part of a sustainable development plan for Scotland and part of the strategy to mitigate the effects of climate change. Onshore renewable projects on islands and remote areas of the mainland might be connected by subsea cables to the grid. Marine renewable energy projects will also require subsea cables. The best route, technically and environmentally for these cables may be through some of the areas proposed. Buried cables have been laid through sensitive marine areas in other places successfully. In addition the development of renewables in remote and island communities could be key to maintaining a sustainable community in these areas and thus should not be unreasonably hindered by the creation of Marine National Parks.

We would request that it should be acknowledged that the infrastructure for offshore and onshore renewable energy development may need to cross through these parks and, in the wider context of sustainable development, they should be permitted subject to their design and route being environmentally acceptable in line with current standards.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Grainger

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