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COASTAL & MARINE PARK CONSULTATION

As residents of the Island of Luing, who run a business on & from the Island, a business which has been established for over 25 years. We would like to protest strongly against the formation of a Coastal/Marine Park in this area.

Tourism is already well catered for in the area, and a small island such as Luing, could not be sustained by Tourism, the season is very short, and people come here to find peace, not tearooms, gift shops etc.

Employment is traditionally in fishing, farming and related industries.

Anything that adversely affects these will be detrimental to the future of this island & other similar communities.

A Coastal & Marine Park would lead ultimately to even more legislation which would adversely affect our traditional way of life (a tradition which although well established is also modern & forward looking and has an end product, is year round and employs more than the very few people tourism would)

Although some people would like to see the whole area turned into a theme park, we on Luing would not.

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Coastal and Marine National Park

Dear Ms. Milne,

Sorry I wasn't able to accept your invitation to attend the consultation meeting in Inverness on 14th Dec. It would have meant leaving home at 7:30am, on a winters morning, so your consultation programme doesn't suit us..

However we have received the info from our area development manager and it has been circulated to my council members, and the response has been negative to a coastal and Marine National Park on the North Skye Coast and Wester Ross.

One of our members has lived in a National Park in England and he states "National Parks are a disaster for residents that live there; the dead hand of ignorant dogmatic and distant jobsworths will prove worse than any laird"?

Another member says "Do we really want to negotiate another layer of beaurocracy every time a Marine/Coastal development is pursued. We already have to deal with the local authority; Harbour authority; Crown Estates; SNH; SEPA; Crofting Interests and Landlords etc? I agree with both comments.

Yours Sincerely



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