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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MARINE RESERVE IN LAMLASH BAY:

Question 1: Do you *agree* or *disagree* with the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay?

The Fair Isle Marine Environment & Tourism Initiative (FIMETI), which is a partnership of the Fair Isle community, Fair Isle Bird Observatoy Trust and The National Trust for Scotland, unreservedly agree with and support the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay.

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Question 2: Do you think there would be any a) *positive* and b) *negative* implications should a Marine Reserve be established in Lamlash Bay?

Here on Fair Isle we have identified that sustainable management of our marine area would have major positive impacts on the marine environment, tourism, local economy, education and research, with proven benefits also to the wider community and fishermen as shown by similar community-based Marine Protected Areas in New Zealand and elsewhere, and we are confident that the same would apply to the proposed Marine Protected Reserve in Lamlash Bay.

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Question 3: Are there any *other points* which you would like to make in relation to the proposed Lamlash Bay Marine Reserve?

The community-based proposal for a Marine Protected Reserve in Lamlash Bay receives full support from the Fair Isle Marine Environment & Tourism Initiative. Establishment of the Marine Reserve at Lamlash Bay would be positive because it would also help local coastal communities such as Fair Isle where we have long recognised the need, and strongly campaigned, for similar measures in our own waters.

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