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Dear Sirs

Thank you for your email and invitation to submit comments on the site selection process for the geological disposal facility for nuclear waste. I am able to draw some parallels with the consultation processes that took place when MORN, SROBT and FONG were under discussion and being planned. Granted, in the 1970's the climate in the country was much more pro technology than is the case today. There was a prevailing view that technology was important and mattered. Technology created wealth and high tech jobs and as such there was a sense of pride in technologically challenging programmes. This gave rise to industry leaders and champions - Lord Marshall comes to mind - who pioneered and lead the public debate on nuclear power. Today, I am afraid to say similar people do not seem to exist or at least if they do they keep a very low profile. We, the country desperately needs industry experts to champion the need for nuclear power. You cannot leave the arguments to Politicians which is what is happening and we are going nowhere. The political class does not have the knowledge, education or industrial experience to take decisions on this or any other aspect of nuclear development. The industry has to stand up and sell itself because this country desperately needs this waste problem resolving and we must move on to develop new nuclear power stations. Its time to stop this endless merry go round of never ending consultations and discussions. Please stand up for the industry and get the message across to the public that we need these facilities and the wealth and jobs this will bring. Please put this message over the heads of the here today, gone tomorrow politicians and just get on and built these facilities in the only place in the country that will entertain them and where the core industry skills and expertise resides - Cumbria.

Thank you for listening.

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