

Peter Sweetman and on behalf of Wild Ireland Defence



03 February 2026

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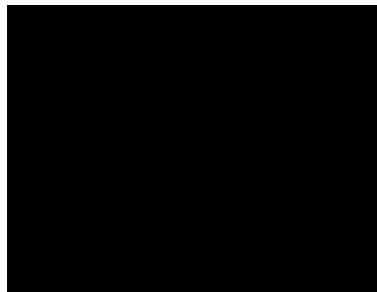
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Yours sincerely,



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Neil Ruane



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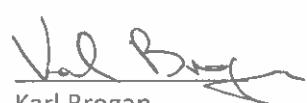
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Agriculture House  
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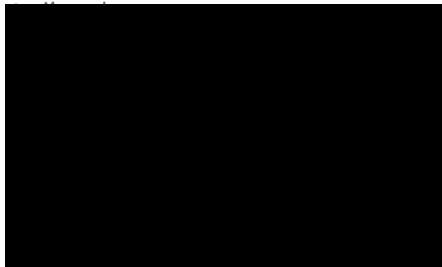
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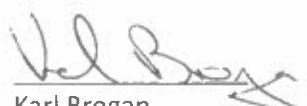
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