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To: Joseph Roe
Phillip Roe
Richard Hunter
For the Goolarabooloo People

To the Goolarabooloo People,

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is pleased to accept your invitation to come to your country to work with you for the protection of the habitat of the Humpback whale and the songcycle of the Goolarabooloo people.

I wish that I could come myself but unfortunately I am a prisoner in Germany because of my defense of sharks off the coast of Guatemala, ten years ago, an incident that has been exploited by Japan and Costa Rica to keep me away from my ships and my crew.

Sea Shepherd however is more than myself and I am happy to have our flagship the *Steve Irwin* make the long voyage from Victoria to the Northwest of Australia under the leadership of the most honourable Bob Brown.

There are sacred places in this world that should not be scarred with the ugliness of greed and disrespect for nature. This proposed industrial port and LNG plant is disrespectful to the original peoples of this country and to the original marine species whose descendants still thankfully grace these waters with their beauty and elegance.

We are honoured to have received your invitation and we are pleased to have the opportunity to serve constructively with the effort by so many who wish to oppose this invasion of this beautifully diverse coastal region by corporations that willfully blind themselves to the true value of what they destroy.

We would welcome you all to visit the *Steve Irwin* when we enter your territorial waters. We are your guests in your country and you will also be our guests onboard our ship and together we are part of a movement to restore sanity in returning humankind's natural role of living in harmony with other species, a role that the Goolarabooloo understand and need to convey to those who have yet to discover their natural place in the natural world.

Thank you for your invitation that we accept in the spirit of eternal friendship with a promise to stand in unity with the Goolarabooloo to defend the beauty and sacredness of this wondrous environment.

For Our Oceans and for Life,

Captain Paul Watson