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The Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane Qld
4000

Good Morning,

I supported Wild Rivers because as a TAEPITHIGGI man I want to see the protection of my land and of the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve. I do not want a mine on my story places. If they go, I don't want to live here, I don't even want to live in Weipa.

I am a Director of our Elder Board and I am an Australia Zoo Ranger on the Reserve.

Our archaeologist showed important places in this area, and Cape Alumina just want to make money off us. We can't see any benefit; we already have a deal with Rio. Why do we need to deal with another mine?

Clans near us are worried about dredging of the Port Musgrave, but I can't speak for them. I can only tell you we want protection of our land. We have a Native Title claim going through. What use is it, if we lose our heritage?

There is no proven need for a mine here. We want to see a better solution than the Wild Rivers legislation. We need to see that this Bill will protect the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve directly, by name.

I am happy to meet you, thank you.

Attached is an MOU, which we have developed with Griffith University. This shows the value of the Reserve for indigenous people and for science. Also attached is information on Land and Sea Cultural Heritage.

Kind Regards

Cecil Arthur

C/O CPR Group, PO Box 2092 Sunshine Plaza Q 4558

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on 2013.

BETWEEN: **GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY** (ABN 78 106 094 461), a body corporate established pursuant to the *Griffith University Act 1998 (Qld)* of 170 Kessels Road, Nathan, QLD 4111 ("**Griffith**")

AND: **CECIL ARTHUR** (as an authorised representative of the Taepithiggi Elder Board and the Taepithiggi people) ("**Mr Arthur**").

TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING:

1. Griffith anticipates that it will enter into an Access Agreement with Silverback Properties Pty Ltd as Trustee of the Terri Irwin Family Trust, owners of the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve ("**SIWR**"), to access the SIWR in order to identify and collect samples of biological resources ("**Samples**").
2. Mr Arthur is a member of the Taepithiggi people, the traditional indigenous land owners of the land on which the SIWR is situated. Mr Arthur is also an authorised representative of the Taepithiggi Elder Board and for the purposes of this MOU represents the traditional indigenous land owners, the Taepithiggi people.
3. The Taepithiggi people are the holders of the indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge for the land upon which SIWR is situated and may have indigenous/traditional knowledge with respect to some of the Samples which may be collected by Griffith.
4. During Griffith's access to SIWR, Mr Arthur will provide guidance to Griffith's researchers and may in this process communicate indigenous peoples' knowledge in connection with the Samples being collected by Griffith.
5. The parties see value in bringing their expertise together to assist with drug discovery research.
6. If Griffith obtains and uses any Taepithiggi peoples' traditional knowledge in connection with any commercialised or potentially commercialisable drug discovery research, Griffith will ensure that the Taepithiggi people receive an equitable share of the benefits arising from such research and, if necessary, enter into a benefit sharing agreement with the Taepithiggi people or a legal entity representing the Taepithiggi people at such time.
7. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is not a formal legal agreement giving rise to any legal relationship, rights, duties or consequences, but it is only a definite expression and record of the purpose of the parties to which the parties are bound in honour.
8. This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective when it has been signed by both parties. Either party may withdraw from the understanding at any time, although the giving of a reasonable period of notice is preferred.

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

**CECIL ARTHUR, as a representative
of the Taepithiggi people**

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A.C. McAndrew
Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration)

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Cecil Arthur

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Land and Sea

Cultural Heritage

Management

Cecil Arthur

Traditional Land Owner Ranger

ABN: 65660399872

Let me introduce myself I'm Cecil James Arthur a Traditional Land Owner of the Taepithiggi Tribe of the Western Cape York Community. I am also a Board Member representing the Taepithiggi Tribe in the Consultation Native Title Claims which is presently still on going and a member on the Negotiation Board with the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve.

My family and I have always lived in the Community of New Mapoon. There is a strong connection with the People, the Land, the Animals, the Culture, and our awareness to protect all four.

I have put together a Business Proposal to work as a Sole Trader on all Cultural Heritage Survey and Government and Mining Industries Projects. This will create employment opportunity for Taepithiggi People who will work alongside myself, Traditional Elders and other key Industry People to help Protect and Preserve our Culture and our connections back to our homeland. This would benefit the Taepithiggi People of the Western Cape York Community in Employment, to help preserve our Cultural History from these Tribal Elders.

Building Self Identity Awareness, Self-Respect with Motivation to Learn and Work.

Building a stronger Community and a strong path for the next generation.

Key Industry People

Cecil Arthur

Traditional Land Owner Ranger



Barry Lyons

Steve Irwin Reserve Ranger



Don De Busch

Indigenous Engagement- Coordinator

Cape York NRM



Edmond Miller

Elder / Traditional Land Owner

Taepithiggi

Engaged Researcher:

Mick Morrison

Cultural Heritage Report



Engaged Taepithiggi Elders Board Members:

Glen Parry

Therese Warsum

Fiona Lewry

Adminstration



Michael Neal

Lawyer

P & E Lawyers

Documentations

All Reports will be on:

*Time Sheets

*Incident Reports

*Job Safety Checklist

*Daily Job Sheet Checklist

*Job Monitoring Checklist

*Photo Documentation of Research

*Heritage Cultural Survey Reports

*Land and Animal Survey Reports

These Reports will be available on:

*Daily Email on Job Reports

*Paper Data Worksheets weekly and on Completion of Job Contract

*CD Roms on Completion of Job Contract

*Photo Documents on Completion of Job Contract

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