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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend the scientific project 'Life Amphibious' and the project's coordinator Mr Lloyd Godson, an Australian citizen currently living in Greece. Mr Godson is an Australian marine biologist whose previous experimental work 'The BioSub Project' led to him receiving the highly prestigious Australian award "2007-2008 Australian Geographic Adventurer of the Year".

At a time of increasing global concern for the environment and in particular climate change, Mr Godson's project 'Life Amphibious' - sponsored by the Australian Geographic Society - aims to inspire public environmental awareness by using technological innovation in a stimulating and adventurous way, echoing the mythical journeys of Homer's Odysseus and Julius Verne's Captain Nemo.

Being a hot and dry country, Australia is particularly vulnerable to climate change. The Australian government and people are committed to adopting coordinated, collective global measures to reduce the environmental impact of climate change. It is axiomatic however, that individual contribution and commitment to the fight against climate change is fundamental to the success of our efforts. We therefore welcome and encourage action taken to engender greater awareness, particularly among young people. We therefore commend the pioneering initiative shown by Mr Godson and his team with the project 'Life Amphibious' and extend our support to his endeavours.

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