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To Whom It May Concern

As a key part of developing sustainable oceanic and climate research objectives, the Oceanic Research Institute (ORI) has had a distinguished Research Committee in operation for almost two years.

Those members are committed to the long-term success of the ORI and have now written to confirm that that they are happy to continue to serve on ORI's Research Committee and work alongside each other.

This letter confirms that I am happy to continue to serve as a member of the Research Committee and to continue to work alongside other Committee members under the Chairmanship of Prof Patrick Nunn.

My Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society (nominated in 1984 by Dr Phillip Law, AO, Antarctic explorer and founding director of Australia's Antarctic Division) confers on me the equivalence of an Honours degree in Geography. As an explorer, I am an active Geographer.

My crucial contribution to the success of ORI will be expedition leadership and extensive experience of maritime field operations, including scientific, in remote and harsh wilderness regions. These skills give ORI a unique breadth of practical operational experience, from planning to successful conclusion, that field research scientists rarely have. Normally such operations are provided by outside organisations, such as charter operators, which risk the problem of duality of leadership which can derail research plans. ORI will not have those problems.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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