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RE: NSW Smart and Skilled funding

Dear Dijla

Please accept our support from College of Marine Studies (COMS) Maritime Trainers and Assessors INC
In reference to the training and development of Australian Indigenous and Torres Straights Islanders in the
Maritime Industry in Australia.

Yumbalehla- where the spirit of the land meets the spirit of the sea

This comes from language of the traditional landowners in the Byron Shire of NSW the Arakwal people
in Bungulung Country.

The College of Marine Studies from day one, worked with the elders of the local Arakwal people, in doing so
COMS formed a greater understanding of their culture and receiving full respect from the elders.

With one of COMS members, we established a Surfing programme over several months training the very
young to teenage years the skills of how to surf, this was run with the sponsorship of **Laureus World
Sporting** body.

Arranged by former World Champion Surfer Layne Beachley the programme was run by Layne Beachley's
coach Steve Foreman. The programme was very successful, but it needed out comes for the young to
continue in the maritime sector, now is the time to springboard Australia's Indigenous people of all ages to
maritime opportunities that become available in Australia.

I believe with the collaboration of COMS MTA and Maritime Training School this could be achievable with
great outcomes and set a benchmark in the Maritime Industry in Australia.

Regards

Phillip Walters (Chairperson)