



# The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP

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Dear Dr King

I appreciated the opportunity on 17 February 2010 to discuss the Across Australia Environmental Expedition, which is being mounted under the auspices of the Royal Society of Victoria to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Burke and Wills expedition.

Led by your patron Jack Thompson, this environmental expedition promises to draw timely attention to a wide range of challenging environmental issues along the route of Burke and Wills epic journey.

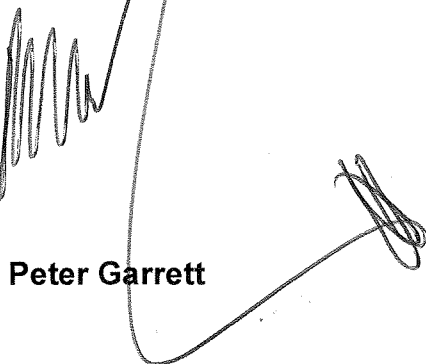
I am pleased to note you are working with a number of traditional custodians, whose involvement will be of great value, and I applaud your plans to engage local communities along the way.

I have asked my Department to contact you to discuss potential avenues of support from government and investigate other opportunities for funding or in-kind support.

My office is considering your request to launch this expedition and I would be keen to participate in some form if possible.

Please accept my best wishes for your expedition.

Yours sincerely



**Peter Garrett**