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TOP PRIORITY

Senator The Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Senator for New South Wales
Electoral Office
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Dear Hon Payne

Ref : Proposal for developing Marine Aquaculture in Sri Lanka in partnership with Australian Government, NSW Fisheries, Sydney University , Sri Lanka Navy , National Aquaculture Development Authority in Sri Lanka(NAQDA), National Aquatic Research Centre (NARA) and Ocean University of Sri Lanka – Aus\$ 1billion grant over 10 years.

Further to our previous communications I am writing to you seeking your urgent attention on establishing Aus\$ 1billion grant over 10 years period for developing marine fisheries infrastructure in Sri Lanka considering current geopolitical instability in Sri Lanka. Project will create employment opportunities for both Australians and Sri Lankans.

It is obvious that China has aggressively acquiring Sri Lankan Navigational facilities such as ports and telecommunication capabilities which will be threat to other countries like Australia and India. Counter robust investment by Australia in Sri Lanka will secure Australia's long term interest in dealing business with Sri Lanka and use this strategic island for recreational activities of Australians in today and future.

As part of Australia's resourceful migrants from Sri Lanka we are looking for strategic avenues for promoting image of Australia within hearts and minds of people of Sri Lanka helping them to resolve ongoing problems in the country with Australian support.

During last few months I have contacted officials of Sri Lankan Government, Australian DFAT, NSW Fisheries, Sydney University and Down Under Submarines with attached proposal and everyone including DFAT officials , Minister and State Ministers of Fisheries in Sri Lanka informed us this is a good proposal at current situation.

In order to make Sri Lankan Government more responsive for its people we receive advice for the project from **Most Venerable Omare Kassapa Thero who is a Presidential Advisor** of Sri Lanka.

I kindly ask you to provide cabinet approval for this important and strategic project on behalf of current and future Australians. If you need more information on the project please make an appointment for me to meet you at your Parramatta office for detail discussion about the project.

Kind regards

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Cc: Hon Melissa Mcintosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay