

Senate Standing Committee on the
Environment, Communications and the Arts
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Submission for

**THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO FORESTRY, MINING AND ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY ON THE TIWI ISLANDS**

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club is writing this letter of support for the Tiwi Forestry Project which assists us in our aim to provide employment for our Tiwi players and to further enhance Leadership, Participation, Community Development and Capacity Building within our club and the Tiwi Islands community in general.

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club has developed a relationship with the Tiwi Forestry Project which is managed by Great Southern Limited in partnership with the Tiwi.

Great Southern have been financial sponsors of the Tiwi Bombers since our inception into the NTFL and this will continue into the future.

But the major benefit that we are developing with the Tiwi Forestry Project is through the Training and Employment of our players in the Tiwi Forestry Industry.

Currently, the Tiwi Forestry project employs three of our players through an apprenticeship and we envisage this will increase as the Project moves into the harvesting stage of the enterprise.

The Tiwi Forestry Project has a no drug and responsible alcohol policy which is in line with our policy for players of the Tiwi Bombers Football Club.

The Tiwi College 'Baby Bombers' Clontarf Football Academy has also been established and we see this as being a pivotal program that has the strongest possible link with the Tiwi Forestry Project and the Tiwi Bombers Football Club.

We understand that the Tiwi Forestry Project supports the Clontarf Football Academy through its Forestry Training and Employment Trust Fund. Developing Participation, Community and Capacity Building in our young Tiwi is essential for them to become the leaders that they must become, on and off the field, so that we are better able to build a strong, resilient and prosperous future for Tiwi people of all ages.

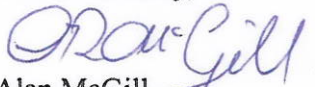
In years to come, in partnership with the Tiwi Forestry Project, there is no doubt that the 'Tiwi Bombers' and the 'Baby Bombers' will be producing, not only quality footballers, but more importantly, quality young men who have learnt the importance of looking

after their bodies and their minds and the importance of Education and Participation, so that they can achieve whatever goals they set themselves in life.

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club believes that the relationship with the Tiwi Forestry Project is an integral part of this vision. Training, Employment, Community Development, Capacity building, Leadership, Role Models, Health, Fitness and Nutrition, Education and Participation in everything from attendance at school to Participation in Training, Participation in the Tiwi Workforce, Participation in Good Parenting and Participation in a Real Tiwi Economy...are all enhanced through this relationship between football and the Tiwi Forestry Project.

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club fully supports the Tiwi Forestry Project

Yours sincerely,



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