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Hon. N.K. Wran, Q.C., M.L.A.,
Premier of New South Wales,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney. NSW 2000

Dear Mr Premier,

We are seeking the approval and support of the New South Wales Government for a community service project to be jointly undertaken by Pro-Diving Services of Coogee and Marist Brothers' High School Pagewood. A description of this project is attached.

We propose to construct an Underwater Nature Trail in Thompsons Bay (Gordons Bay) between Clovelly and Coogee.

This nature trail will be used by scuba divers who frequent this site and will help them to identify the marine life in the area and to understand the ecosystem of the bay.

Such a project has not previously been undertaken in Australia.

We formally request permission to proceed and we look forward to your support and that of the New South Wales Government.

Yours sincerely,

R.W. Poole

Pro-Diving
Coogee

D.G. Hunt

Marist Brothers' High School
Pagewood

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PROPOSAL FOR
AN UNDERWATER NATURE TRAIL
IN THOMPSONS BAY (GORDONS BAY)

1. THE PROPOSERS

Richard William Poole

Pro-Diving Services, Coogee
Scuba Diving Instructor
Qualified Commercial and Salvage Diver
Member Royal Life Saving Society of Australia
Member Professional Association of Diving Instructors
Member Standards Association of Australia

Mr Poole has owned and operated Pro-Diving Services since its establishment in 1969. It is now the major diver training facility in Sydney.

Denis Gregory Hunt

Marist Brothers' High School, Pagewood
Year 12 Master
Senior Biology Teacher
Bachelor of Education (Science)
Scuba Diving Instructor (Assistant Instructor Rating)
Member Australian College of Education
Member Professional Association of Diving Instructors

Mr Hunt has had extensive experience in schools in New South Wales and Queensland in training school students as scuba divers and in designing and implementing courses in Marine Studies.

Marist Brothers' High School Pagewood is a Catholic systemic secondary school for boys. There is an active group of scuba divers among its senior students.

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3. COST TO THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT

Nil.

4. LABOUR AND MATERIALS

Pro-Diving Services will supply all diving equipment, air, boats and tools for the construction of the Underwater Nature Trail.

Divers from Marist Brothers' High School Pagewood will provide the labour to construct the nature trail and, subsequently, to maintain it.

Other groups, such as the Pro-Dive Explorers Club and the Sydney University Underwater Society, have expressed their willingness to assist with this project.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There will be no material damage to the bay.

There is a parking area already established adjacent to the bay. There is access to the shoreline via a concrete footpath.

The Underwater Nature Trail will not cause any interference to activities such as boating, fishing, sailboarding or surfing in the area.

While the number of divers using the area may increase, the Underwater Nature Trail will serve to improve their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of marine life in the area and their awareness of the need to conserve it.

Copies to - Hon. J. Johnson, M.L.C.,
President,
N.S.W. Legislative Council

Mr M. Cleary, M.L.A.,
Minister for Sport and Recreation
and Member for Coogee.