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Zac Hatfield Dodds,
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Dear Zac,

You has approached me about your research on the Yolngu Seasonal Calendar: Past, Present and Future (under climate change) as your Honours Thesis at ANU.

Thank you for our phone conversation in which we discussed how we can talk together properly and in a way that is respectful of Indigenous Knowledge. For Yolngu (the people of North Eastern Arnhem Land) it is the Liyagadhaman who carry within them the wisdom and knowledge of these matters. It is right that in this research you have approached me to talk about these things. I can also introduce you to others who have this knowledge.

We have talked about the value of this research for Yolngu as well as for the wider community and we agreed to discuss the results of this research so that we can learn together. I do not want you to take away our knowledge and not share any of your own work and the knowledge of other people about this matter.

Yolngu have made careful observation of the ways of nature and the seasons over the millennia and have passed on that knowledge down the generations. We know the changes that are taking place in the seasons and I am willing to talk with you about what I have seen happening around me.

Thank you for showing respect for Indigenous Knowledge. I am willing to work with you on this research.

Rev Jeffrey Rronang Garrawurra

Liyagawumirr Clan

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