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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a representative of Tangaroa Blue Foundation in support of Lucy Graham and Mathilde Gordon and their project Passage Adventures.

I first met both Mathilde and Lucy when they were studying at James Cook University (JCU) in Cairns, Far North Queensland. At the time, the two were coordinating the JCU Student Sustainability Club and were volunteering actively in the FNQ community.

Mathilde and Lucy stood out because they were not only determined to commit their own time, but also to help many others get involved in looking after their local environment. Through the JCU Sustainability Club, Tangaroa Blue Foundation was able to reach a wider audience and attract new volunteers. Mathilde and Lucy also dedicated their own time to understanding the issues of marine debris and to take action themselves. As key volunteers in the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre's Marine Response Team, Mathilde and Lucy helped bring to life many different community efforts to reduce marine debris and raise awareness of the issue.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation facilitates comprehensive clean-ups, data collection and source reduction plans every year around Australia. We work in partnership with local, state and federal government agencies, industry and communities, with an aim to remove marine debris which is already in our environment, but more importantly on ways to prevent marine debris in the future by stopping it at the source. All of this work requires funding, education and awareness. Passage Adventures is helping to provide these vital pieces to the puzzle through their unique kayak expedition to the Inside Passage.

These two young women are dedicated to their cause and I believe that they will succeed in this expedition due to strong planning, training, partnerships and their dedication.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation is thrilled to be working with Mathilde and Lucy, we wish them all the best of luck on this project and will support them in any way we can to help them achieve their goals.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Taylor'.

Heidi Taylor
Managing Director
Tangaroa Blue Foundation

