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To whom it may concern,

I write in support of Maritime Training School's application for assistance regarding the NSW Smart and Skilled Program.

Maritime Training School were introduced to Shoreline (Charity) via Nick Miles who was volunteering his time to be an instructor for Shoreline delivering NSW power boat courses to secondary Indigenous students engaged in the Shoreline program.

Shoreline nationally connects schools with training organisations and employers, to ensure that each of our Indigenous trainees obtains a vocational qualification while finishing school and moves straight into full time employment.

Meetings were organised between Nick, Maritime Training School and Shoreline to develop the school-based traineeship model in Sydney. Shoreline currently operate in QLD, NT and WA and were conducting immersion experiences on the water in Sydney for young Indigenous students to gauge the appetite and eventually engage students in school-based traineeships.

Those students that showed interest then had the option to complete their NSW power boat license with Nick. In the past Shoreline has used other RTOs to deliver the NSW power boat course but the instructors and rigidity of the course were not suited to the secondary students we were engaging. I met Nick and he immediately struck me as a personable guy that would connect well with the students and make them feel safe and comfortable whilst obtaining their license.

As discussion progressed Nick introduced Maritime Training School as the next step in the Shoreline model to explore the options to deliver deck hand courses and Cert II in Maritime Operations. Maritime Training School appear to be well suited to needs of Shoreline and trainees:

- They have conducted a commercial training course with an Indigenous group in QLD
- Small RTO that is flexible and willing to work with students needs
- Family orientated and approachable
- Deliver consistent quality training through dedicated trainers such as Nick

The importance of collaboration as mentioned above are critical for future commercial qualifications that give participants a head start in their career and connect them to sustainable employment opportunities. These are strong values of both organisations which reiterates the importance of alignment to deliver a quality, caring outcome for participants. We look forward to working together.

Yours sincerely



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