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Dear Dr Stacey

Live Export Risk Assessment

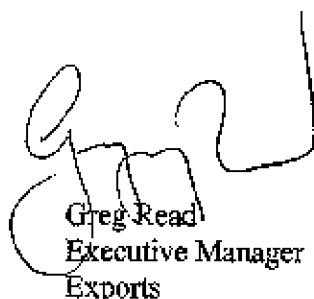
I am pleased to endorse your submission of the HotStuff project into the Engineering Excellence Awards.

From our point of view, HotStuff represents a quantum leap in the level of knowledge about live export heat stress issues. We are greatly relieved to have clear, rational assessments of the real risk provided by exporters. Prior to HotStuff, the government was faced with the choice of either continuing past practices or placing significant restrictions on the trade based on broad generalisations. HotStuff now allows us to assist in regulating the industry, avoiding significant heat stress, while not causing unnecessary economic damage.

The engineering merit of the project is significant. The approach to heat stress had remained unresolved for many years and, based on the outcome, your team got to the core issues and successfully resolved them. More than that, you were able to communicate the issues so that all parties accepted the outcomes.

Good luck with the submission.

Yours sincerely



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