

# EWAMIAN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

*The earth is our mother, one must protect our heartbeat. Ewamian culture is here to stay.*



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## To Whom it May Concern

The Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation (EAC) represents the interests of the Traditional Owners of the Ewamian native title lands that lie primarily in the upper Gilbert and Einasleigh River catchments within Etheridge Shire, Northwest Queensland.

We wish to offer our support to the Etheridge Shire Council who are proposing to develop agribusiness on the upper Gilbert River with the Gilbert River Irrigation Project.

We also support the application to the Cooperative Research Centre Northern Australia (CRCNA) for a Research and Development farm. We see this as vital infrastructure for the Irrigation Project to enable vital research and technical input into the project. To have this infrastructure built on the Gilbert River would be beneficial not only within the Gilbert catchment area but also throughout the Etheridge Shire.

We also support this application as traditional owners as we see great training and employment opportunities for the future for Ewamian People to be engaged as the farm is developed.

We look forward to a very prosperous and productive relationship with the Etheridge Shire Council on this project should it be successful.

Yours sincerely,

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