

**Waardi invites Dr Bob Brown and Sea Shepherd Australian Director Jeff Hansen to meet with Traditional Owners**

Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country at James Price Point have invited Dr Bob Brown and the Australian Director of the Sea Shepherd, Jeff Hansen, for talks about their support for the Browse LNG project on their country.

Waardi Ltd issued the invitation after recent media comments from both men concerning cultural matters and traditional ownership/custodianship of the land.

Waardi is the administration body for the Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country and will manage all future benefits from the project.

Waardi Chairman, Warren Greateorex, said today that they had requested the meeting to clear up misconceptions about traditional custodianship and to explain the opportunities that the project brings to Traditional Owners and the wider Kimberley community.

“We have been concerned about the misunderstandings about cultural heritage and the misinformation that has been doing the rounds,” Mr Greateorex said. “We have very senior Jabirr Jabirr elders who want to explain to Dr Brown and Mr Hansen about their own country and why they are supporting this project.

“This is an opportunity for both men to sit down with them, to hear what they have to say and, hopefully, to get a better perspective of the issues.

“We will be offering to take them out to our country with senior elders to show them around and explain about cultural heritage.”

Mr Greateorex said that Waardi’s task was to maximise the opportunities for the Traditional Owners and it would be working hard to achieve this.

The meeting will take place at 3pm, August 6, 2012, at **Waardi Limited**: Farrell Street, Broome.

Waardi will also hold a meeting mid-week with Greens leader Christine Milne and Senator Rachael Siewert to discuss the same issues. [Wednesday August 8, 2012 at noon]

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