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Open Letter to the XXXXXX Family

Dear Members of the XXXXXX Family,

An Invitation to Join Gunawuna Jungai

It is with deep respect and great pride that I write to formally announce that your family group has been endorsed by the Gunawuna Jungai (GJ) Board of Directors as an **Approved Family Group** in accordance with the GJ Constitution. This recognition reflects the important cultural contributions and leadership your family brings to our community, and we are honoured to extend this invitation for your family to join us in shaping the future of Doomadgee.

As an Approved Family Group, you are invited to appoint one person as your **Representative Member** to formally represent your family within Gunawuna Jungai. This is a significant opportunity for your family to have a voice in the governance and decision-making processes of GJ and to contribute directly to the progress and wellbeing of our community.

The Role of a Representative Member

The Representative Member will hold a serious role in advancing Gunawuna Jungai's purpose. They will represent the views, aspirations, and priorities of your family group, ensuring that these are integrated into GJ's governance and strategic direction.

As part of our **Dartboard Cultural Governance Model**, the Representative Member will be positioned at the heart of decision-making, working collaboratively with representatives from other Approved Family Groups to uphold the principles of cultural integrity, community-led development, and self-determination.

Criteria for the Representative Member

To ensure that the Representative Member reflects the cultural authority and trust of your family, they must meet the following criteria:

1. **Cultural Authority:** Be recognised by your family as someone who embodies and respects cultural protocols, values, and traditions.
2. **Permanent Residency:** Have been a permanent resident of Doomadgee for at least the past six years (unless otherwise approved by the GJ Board).
3. **Eligibility:** Be at least 18 years old and not be an undischarged bankrupt or employed by GJ (except as an independent contractor).
4. **Integrity:** Have no conviction for an offense resulting in a sentence of three months or more imprisonment.
5. **Commitment:** Be willing to actively participate in GJ's governance and decision-making processes on behalf of your family.

The Process to Appoint Your Representative Member

1. **Family Nomination:** Your family group will discuss and nominate one individual who meets the criteria above to represent your family.
2. **Formal Application:** The nominated individual will complete a formal application, including a declaration of their commitment to uphold the Constitution of GJ and serve the community with integrity.
3. **Board Approval:** The GJ Board will review the nomination and confirm the appointment.
4. **Onboarding and Induction:** Once confirmed, the Representative Member will be welcomed into Gunawuna Jungai, undergo an induction process, and take their place in the dartboard governance structure.

A Shared Vision

This invitation represents a partnership embedded in mutual respect and shared responsibility. We believe that, together, we can continue to honour the traditions of our people while building a thriving, independent, sustainable and culturally strong community in Doomadgee for future generations.

We warmly invite you to accept this recognition and nominate your Representative Member. Please let us know your decision and the name of your nominated representative. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the GJ CEO, Kieran Smith.

Thank you for your leadership, your heritage, and your ongoing commitment to our shared purpose for Doomadgee. We look forward to welcoming your family into Gunawuna Jungai's circle of Approved Family Groups and working together for the future of Doomadgee.

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Gunawuna Jungai