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Dear Mr Hughes

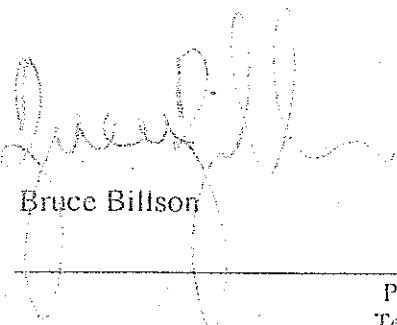
Thank you for your letter dated 31 May 2005 concerning the demonstration of the Skyhydrant water filter at Parliament House on 25 May, 2005. Your letter requests Australian assistance to support the installation and operation of a community based water supply system in Sri Lanka using the Skyhydrant technology.

As outlined in my press release of 25 May 2005, the Australian Government commends the initiative taken by Mr Rhett Butler of Skyjuice Foundation. Mr Butler has made an outstanding contribution to humanitarian services, working tirelessly to help those affected by the Boxing Day Tsunami.

In relation to your planned trip to Sri Lanka, I would encourage you to continue liaising with our High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Dr Greg French, on this matter. Dr French has been an enthusiastic advocate for the use of the Skyhydrant technology in the emergency and recovery phase of this disaster. He is well placed to broker relationships between the Skyjuice Foundation, other donor partners and the Government of Sri Lanka.

I wish you the best of luck with your trip. Please keep me informed on the outcomes of this mission.

Yours sincerely



Bruce Billson