

Appendix 1: Prime  
Minister Derek Sikua's  
letter of endorsement of  
the Solomon Scouts and  
Coastwatchers Trust

THE PRIME MINISTER



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When the organizers of the Coastwatchers & Solomons Scouts Memorial approached me about the possibility of a letter of endorsement from the Government of the Solomon Islands, I immediately and enthusiastically agreed to their request.

Honouring, through the Monument, the bravery, loyalty, and courage of the Solomon Scouts and Coastwatchers will not only do much to ensure that their heroic deeds are immortalised in the minds of Solomon Islanders.

The Monument's statue and Honor Role listing the names of the Coastwatchers and Solomon Scouts will also contribute to fostering in the people of the Solomon Islands a sense of national pride and a shared sense of national identity.

With this in mind, let it be known to all concerned, that the Government of the Solomon Islands wholeheartedly endorses, in the name of the People of the Solomon Islands, the worthy efforts of the Coastwatchers & Solomons Scouts Memorial Trust, and that any forthcoming support from donors to achieving their goal would be greatly appreciated by the Solomon Islands Government and its citizens.

As Prime Minister, I wish to make clear how important I consider this project, and to underscore the Coastwatchers and Solomons Scouts Memorial's historic and present day significance to the People of the Solomon Islands.

I look forward to the day the Memorial is dedicated, for it will be a day of happiness and solemnity, celebration and recognition; a very special day indeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Silkua', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Derek Silkua  
Prime Minister

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