

THE MURA KALMEL SIPA STATEMENT:

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY (“MURA KALMEL SIPA”) BETWEEN SAIBAI, BOIGU AND PACIFIC ELDERS

At the invitation of the Saibai and Boigu Island Elders, the Chairman of the Pacific Elders' Voice and former President of Kiribati, HE Anote Tong, visited the Islands in April 2023 and noted that climate-related threats faced by the communities there are similar to those faced by other Pacific Island countries like Kiribati, Tuvalu, the Marshall Islands, as well as other Pacific communities on the frontline of climate change impacts.

The Pacific Elders' Voice, together with Saibai and Boigu Elders, stand in solidarity with each other's homelands and peoples, and our shared experience in the face of the climate crisis.

We stand together in calling for governments to move away from subsidising fossil fuel projects and take urgent and decisive climate action that will ensure global warming remains below 1.5C.

We stand together in friendship and solidarity in the pursuit of climate justice.

We stand together in asking Australia and those responsible for perpetuating the climate crisis, including the fossil fuel industry, to hear our voices and act immediately to ensure the survival of our homelands, peoples, cultures and way of life.

Signed

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Dhoeybaw Clan Chair and community
member

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Custodian of Boigu Island

HE Anote Tong
Former President of the Republic of
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Chair, Pacific Elders' Voice

Conwell Tabuai
Saibai Councillor, TSIRC
Director Ait Koedal Clan and community
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Uncle Dick Gibuma
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Uncle Ialatie Gilbert Akiba
Migi Buwai Clan Elder and community
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Uncle Percy Maitie
Boigu Koedal Clan Elder and community
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Uncle Elvis Terrigton Warusam
Koey Buwai Clan Elder and community
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Brian Peter
Boigu Karbay/Baidham Clan and
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Uncle Namia Marama
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***Mura Kalmel Sipa** means ‘all together we stand’ in KKY language.