



THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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Brendan Hall and the *Spirit of Australia* crew
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Brendan

Dear Brendan Hall and the *Spirit of Australia* crew,

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the *Spirit of Australia* on your well deserved win of the '09-10 Clipper Round the World Race'. I am truly delighted by your victory and am proud to extend my congratulations on behalf of the Government and all Australians.

Circumnavigating the globe is, in itself, a remarkable achievement. What is extraordinary however, is your steadfast dedication, unwavering commitment and continual teamwork throughout the last ten months, resulting in this spectacular victory. You have made Australia proud.

I would like to congratulate skipper Brendan Hall, whose passion and undeniable talent have secured the return of the Clipper trophy to Australia. Brendan, your courage and vision on this monumental journey is inspiring and has provided the opportunity for your fellow sailors to achieve something many of us can only dream of. You have been a wonderful role model for young Australians and your future within sailing is sure to be bright.

Likewise, to the 39 Australians on board this crew, your stories and achievements are inspirational. Many of you have taken time from your usual jobs, seeking new challenges and experiences. Each and every one of you has contributed towards this amazing accomplishment and I wish you success in all your future endeavours.

Once again congratulations on this remarkable feat and good luck.

Yours sincerely,

John Dauth

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