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Dear Mr Fraser,

I write, respectfully, to ask your permission to quote your famous line "Life wasn't meant to be easy". And furthermore, to fully embrace its total sentiment and in the context of its genuine intent (as I understand it) – 'a reason to take on difficult tasks'.

I appreciate the line in its totality is not normally quoted, which is my wish, nor widely recognised as being a paraphrase of a line from George Bernard Shaw's play *Back to Methuselah*:

"Life is not meant to be easy, my child; but take courage: it can be delightful."

But also paying homage to your thoughts... *"We used to have a view that to really be a good Australian, to love Australia, you almost had to cut your links with the country of origin. But I don't think that was right and it never was right."*

- Malcolm Fraser, at the opening of the Special Broadcasting Service in Oct. 1980

Across Australia - the sunburnt country, a land of sweeping plains, girt by sea... the quote is attributed to you, and my endeavours mimic its sentiment in totality – inspiration, simplicity and real.

I do hope it's ok to use the words and its inherent sentiment?

With personal wishes

Marc ITALIA
Chairman



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Sent: Friday, 30 November 2012 11:20 AM
To: 'Marc Italia'
Subject: RE: Marc ITALIA - 'Life wasn't meant to be easy'

Dear Marc

Many thanks for your follow up email. Sorry for the delay in responding, but Mr Fraser has been away. He is happy for you to use the quotes.

Many thanks

Julie

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Julie Gleeson

Dear Julie,

Once again thank you for calling to clarify my recent letter.

Further to this, it is in the context of a significant Australian based Project I set about developing, some years ago now.

With each step, building upon the last.