

From the office of the Mayor



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Dear Graham,

I understand Jeff Hansen, Australian Director of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and Quartermaster M/Y Steve Irwin will be visiting Broome with Ric O'Barry for the screening of the award winning documentary "The Cove".

Jeff has brought to my attention a practice in the small fishing village of Taiji, Japan, in which fishermen round up and slaughter up to 23,000 dolphins each year.

In the small fishing village of Taiji, entire schools of dolphins are driven into a hidden cove after a prolonged chase. Once trapped inside the cove, the fishermen kill the dolphins, slashing their throats with knives or stabbing them with spears. Others are kept alive in captivity for use in dolphin shows and swim programs. This practice lasts for six months of every year.

I also understand the Shire of Broome currently has a Sister City agreement with Taiji, Japan. In light of these practices, as Mayor of Fremantle, I would like to offer my support in a suspension of Broome's Sister City relationship with Taiji from Broome residents and the wider Australian community as a clear statement that our City denounces this practice.

Regards,


Peter Tagliaferri
Mayor