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Dedication

This volume is dedicated to Martin Williams and John Chappell to mark their enormous contributions to geomorphology in Australia and worldwide over many decades. Jim Bowler, another 'great' of Australian geomorphology, noted the following in a personal thank-you to John and Martin, which he has given permission to be reproduced here.

Twin towers in Australian geomorphology

John Chappell and Martin Williams, I link you jointly in memory of years shared in more youthful contemplations, and am now witnessing, from a slightly distant hill, your joint departures from the scene. You two stand in joint eminence, your departures defining a closing moment in the history of Australian geomorphology. This personal note resonates with memories of those early days at the ANU where the spirit of Joe Jennings cemented a bond of common interest and long-term commitments.

There is a special sense in which your joint retirements define a closure after almost simultaneous arrival on my radar screen some 43 years ago. Your close personal friendship almost seems to parallel the patterns of your separate academic achievements. You constitute a special pair, a special partnership in defining Australia's amazing environmental legacy. Your joint departure invites this joint response.

This note is written with a sense of disappointment. Disappointment not so much with your inevitable winding down as with my own disability to match your regular and exemplary publication records. Although I regret my absence from the volume in your honour, an absence forced on me by various circumstances, I take this opportunity to convey at this personal level a debt I owe you both. It is not as though our lives have not encountered and ridden over the odd bumpy patch. The joy of that journey, however, has been shared both in the travelling and now, in your arrival at a worthy closure, one to be celebrated and honoured in your jointly spectacular achievements. Your legacies are writ large, not only in your numerous and insightful publications but even more importantly in the hearts and minds of the numerous people who have come under your influence.

As one of those, I can but say farewell (valet!), long life, sound health and many thanks for your friendship, inspiration and personal support. I trust you both will continue to ruminate over the wondrous planet whose secrets we have all been so privileged to explore.

May the lights of the Chappell–Williams towers long continue to shine and inspire.

Best wishes and long life to you both.

JIM BOWLER