An Editor’s Farewell

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It is bittersweet to say farewell to Commoning Ethnography as at the end of this year I step down from the editorial collective. It has been a wonderful three years of seeing this journal take shape over many a conversation, from the hallways of the Cultural Anthropology Programme to the offices of the Centre for Science in Society here at Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with my colleagues and reading the diverse range of scholarship on ethnography, commoning, and collaboration. To be part of this intellectual project has been vital to my wellbeing and I look forward to engaging with each new issue in the coming years.

It is hard to say farewell to this beautiful project, and yet I must for two reasons. First, in the next year or two I need to carve out space to focus on some direct political and activist work in South Asia (India in particular, given its current conservative political turn). Maybe someday soon, from that work will emerge a submission or special section on India and ethnographic commoning in post-colonial spaces. The second reason is to create space for new voices and ideas to continue to uncommon and common the ethnographic practice – in and beyond academia.

Ngā mihi nui and namaste,
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