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Re: Reference for Mark Smith

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To whom it may concern,

I have known Mark since when he started to work as a scientist at Westmead Hospital in 1997.

His biggest impact on my research was his work as the secretary of the WSLHD Institutional Biosafety Committee. His scientific background and administrative skills gave him a big advantage in navigating us scientists through the legal matters, by always keeping an eye on the safe working practicalities within a laboratory. His knowledge helped us to improve the work health and safety regulations, to prepare the protocols and work records.

He was also instrumental for the gene regulation applications, where again his exceptional knowledge of the gene technology and the Gene Technology Act of Australia guided us carefully thought the process to write the correct protocols and to complete the approval process. If we had any questions, he was able to find the right answers by contacting the representative official gene technology regulatory body within Australia.

His carefully conducted facility inspections and document audits for Biosafety and GMO regulations helped us to stay within the legal framework and enabled us to conduct our scientific research in safe manor.

His helping hand and fast knowledge about basic scientific process enabled him to optimize grant submission processes through his work as the research grant administration officer at WSLHD.

He was also instrumental in setting up the Westmead Animal Ethics framework and was again very helpful in getting the Animal Ethics application into the correct legal frame.

He continued his supportive work for all WSLHD researchers also after he took up his role in managing grants, research development, biosafety and communications at the Research and Education Network.

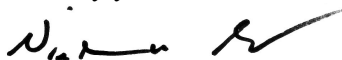
His attention to detail, his deep understanding of the process of research and its legal aspects made him a corner stone of basic and clinical research being conducted within WSLHD.

Marks extraordinary knowledge from nearly 3 decades of research and research administration making him a great source for key research skills.

Mark is a very humble person who has always an ear for all researchers needs in all aspects of research governess. His skills, massive experience, openness, and kindness will enable him to take up any kind of research administrative position or offer service to scientists and physician working in medical and clinical research.

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