

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

To Whom it may Concern,

We are writing on behalf of ETS Vegetation Management – one of Australia's largest Vegetation Management Companies working within the Utilities area and we employ over 750 employees Australia wide.

We as an organisation are very keen to see Arboriculture remain on the National Skills Needs list. There are a variety of reasons for this:

- It is a growing industry and more trained staff are required.
- Trained staff are imperative to reduce worksite accidents and injuries and to make for a safer industry as a whole.
- We believe that to raise industry standards, Education and Training provides an excellent pathway for our employees to gain the skills required to provide a quality service to the Utilities that we are contracted to

ETS currently has 51 apprentices in QLD undertaking the Cert 3 Arboriculture qualification (AHC30816), and over previous years we have put over 200 QLD employees through this qualification as we see the benefits for both employers and employees.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandi Willitt', written over a horizontal line.

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