

This reference was secured by Bruce Gunn, former manager in March 2016. Bruce is no longer providing email or phone references as it has been five years since the role and he is usually in meetings all day. He drafted and approved the content below. - JJ

To Whom This May Concern

Upon request, this document confirms that JULIE JANSEN worked at the Bureau of Meteorology (Queensland Region) from 10 March to 30 June, 2011. She was employed via agency specifically as a MEDIA ADVISER during the Bureau's presence at the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry.

Julie played a key role in maintaining the Bureau's reputation during a time of intense national media scrutiny. She handled media enquiries, generated proactive television and regional print media opportunities, coached 50 staff for unexpected questions on air and assisted with a national media training program. She liaised daily with our State Director, myself and the key Executive regarding media issues.

Julie demonstrated:

Conscientious and strong initiative, willingly handling additional projects
Excellent management of time, competing priorities and pressure
Excellent written and verbal communication with good advice
Persuasive negotiation and influential skills regarding important issues
Strong ability to handle challenging or difficult personalities including internally
Demonstrated strong media liaison skills with good contacts and industry knowledge

Julie also took her time to understand the organisation's culture before advising staff on how to adapt their media liaison style, answer questions and more.

She was reliable and well respected at the Bureau. We regret that due to budget constraints, we could not retain her excellent expertise.

This is a final and complete reference. As some time has now passed, no further phone or email requests will be provided. I wish Julie all the best.

Regards,

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