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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to say that I have known and witnessed the work of Ms Lynda Staker for many years. She is a person of extraordinary ability in the field of Australian Native Animals. On an international scale her work is known through the use of her comprehensive manuals. No other comparable work or research into the care, rehabilitation and clinical signs of disease and management of Australian macropods and marsupials exists!

If a prize or award for excellence existed for her research, Lynda Staker would have well received one by now, she has surely earned it. Ms Staker is a leader in her field, a pioneer breaking new ground. In her nominations for "Australian of the Year", it has been shown that Australians are beginning to recognise her valuable work.

Ms Staker has proven herself highly proficient as a lecturer and presented to wildlife carers, she has produced comprehensive manuals and is a proven expert in this field. I doubt if you could find a person more highly qualified in both research and practical skills/knowledge in the field of Australian animal welfare and care.

To my knowledge Ms Staker has twice been invited to Western Australia to conduct lecture tours on Wildlife care and clinical signs of disease. Her many lectures on these occasions were immensely informative, entertaining and valuable. As an educator, I have been able to utilize her expert advice in Science, Society and Environment studies with children.

Ms Staker has worked with children herself and would be most able in an educative role with both adults and children. Her level of knowledge and expertise, as well as a consuming passion for all wildlife, combined with superior management skills and honesty makes her an ideal and worthy candidate for any position requiring these skills.

In conclusion I would like to point out that as a pioneer in her field, which is far beyond that of an ordinary "wildlife carer", Ms Staker would find it hard to find evidence, or documentation in the standard forms as usually required. However, I believe that testimony from recognized experts such as Ass. Prof. Rick Speare, eminent and well respected in Australia and internationally, should be considered as equal to, if not superior to membership in an association.

Please consider carefully the unequalled opportunity to have an expert such as Lynda Staker in your country to share other invaluable knowledge and skills. She is an inspiring educator who will engender enthusiasm whilst instilling exceptional information to all she comes in contact with. Our loss will be your gain, albeit temporary.

Yours sincerely,

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