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Ausaid PhD Scholarship Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Professor of Economics at the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University and I am writing to recommend Ms Ana Nur Sejati for an Ausaid PhD scholarship.

At the Crawford School Ms Sejati undertook the Graduate Diploma in Public Administration in 2006 and the Master of Public Administration in 2007, and graduated in both (With Merit). In 2007 I was the convenor of the course Research Project 8035, a subject which we allow only the best students to take, and I knew her and her work well. Since that time we have had occasional communication through email and I feel well qualified to comment on Ms Sejati's capacity to undertake successfully a PhD.

On the formal education side, Ms Sejati achieved a very solid level of accomplishment at Crawford, with a Distinction plus (greater than 70 per cent) overall. Importantly with respect to her capacity to undertake a PhD, she received a Distinction in my course, Research Project. This matters quite a lot because the course is one in which a student's success depends very much on individual motivation and application; the assessment concerns the quality of students' own research efforts and it is in this capacity that I feel confident about recommending Ms Sejati for a PhD scholarship.

Ms Serati has impressed me with her enthusiasm for both research and public policy, and I think she will be a model student and a future fine employee in Indonesia. As evidence for this I note that Ms Serati: was awarded a prize in 2010 for the best employee at her institution, BPKP (Finance and Development and Supervisory Board), at the national level; was the 1st Prize Winner in the AIGRP Student and Alumni Essay Competition 2009 ("*Examining the implementation of remuneration in the Indonesian Public Sector*"); and was awarded a research grant with Dr Noore Alam Siddiquee (Flinders University of South Australia) and Dr Dian Nastiti (Cendana University) in 2009.

With kind regards

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