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**PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF DR MARGARET ANNE
CARTER**

I, Dr Pamela Anne Hanifin, Lecturer in Early Childhood Education, School of Education, McAuley Campus offer the following information to support Dr Margaret Carter's application for the position as Assistant/Associate Professor of Children's services within the Faculty of Health sciences and medicine at Bond University.

Dr Carter is a highly competent professional who continually demonstrates a high level of expertise and knowledge about Early Childhood Education and Children's Community Services . She is well regarded by academics, consultants and teachers and support staff in kindergartens, schools, community organisations and professional associations. She takes responsibility for her continuing her own professional learning and critically reviews latest research and engages in reflective deliberation relating to emerging issues and trends that impact on Early childhood Education. Dr Carter is actively involved in a number of associations within the field of early childhood education and participates in sessions, seminars, forums and conferences.

However what Dr Carter would bring as a training provider goes well beyond expertise and the ability to remain up to date. I have participated in Dr Carter's sessions on Behaviour Management, Bullying, Emotional Resiliency and Grief and Loss in the Early Years, in order to further my own learning in these areas. The sessions were well organised and delivered in a highly effective manner that truly engaged the group and provided many insights and new learning. Her presentations are very interactive and provide a balance of input and time for group dialogue and individual reflection.

As part of the university's course review process, Dr Carter provided critical feedback on a suite of five early Childhood units offered within the Bachelor of Education Program. She was also generous with her time and expertise in providing constructive feedback and advice on the development and writing of two postgraduate units at a Master's level that related to the Early Years of Schooling. Dr Carter has also addressed and delivered lectures to the Early Childhood students at ACU as a guest presenter. I also use Dr Carter's texts as reference material in the Early Childhood units and in some general teaching units. These are well written, interactive and most informative and the student teachers find them to be a very worthwhile inclusion in their own professional libraries.

I have also had the privilege of working collaboratively with Dr Carter on a number of Early Childhood projects. We partnered together to refine the final draft of an Early Years Policy for Brisbane Catholic Education and to write and present the introductory workshops to school staffs and provide related materials. Other collaborative endeavours include the organisation, planning and delivery of a number of professional development sessions, workshops and key note presentations for teachers on a range of early Childhood Education topics, namely Early childhood Philosophy, Partnerships, Play-Based Learning and Creating Flexible Learning Environments.

I believe that Dr Margaret Carter would bring much to your organization, not just with her knowledge and skills but through her general 'presence.' I am most happy to be contacted if any further information is required.

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