

27th August, 1999

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have known Dan Simpson for around 10 years, since March 1990, when as Queensland Manager of Five Star Shipping & Agency Co., he employed me as "Export Co-Ordinator".

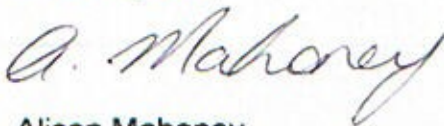
With Dan's encouragement and support I was able to move through the ranks to Marketing Executive, Marketing Manager and eventually to Queensland Manager as Dan's replacement when he was promoted to a National position based in Sydney.

In my opinion Dan's strengths were his ability to:

- Set and monitor performance of staff against standards and assist them to meet their annual objectives.
- Motivate staff and encourage them to work within a team environment.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Extensive knowledge of the Shipping Industry and Overseas Markets.

Dan is a very enthusiastic and outgoing person who enjoys new challenges and meeting people. I am sure he will be successful with whatever career path he chooses.

Kind Regards,



Alison Mahoney,
Deputy General Manager
Five Star Shipping & Agency Company Pty Ltd.