

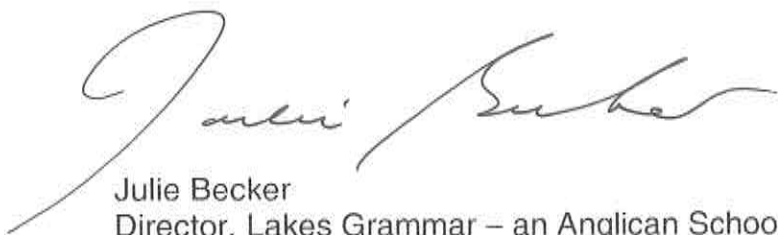
To Whom it May Concern

It has been my great pleasure to work with North Building and Construction (NBC) on three occasions over the past 5 years. All have been related to education activities – one involving the construction of a child care and early childhood education facility and two requiring construction of K – 12 classrooms, laboratories, workshops and associated facilities and amenities. The value of the projects ranged from approximately \$2.5M to \$7M.

The method of delivery in these projects has changed considerably during my association with NBC and specifically because of their involvement. Initially, extensive preliminary work was undertaken with architects and end user groups - as had been the case with several other building projects for which I had responsibility. Given NBC's positive commitment to the design development process in addition to the more general aspects of construction management, that company is now involved at the earliest stages of each project. The thoughtfulness, care and attention provided by the Managing Director, Tim Cornish, have been invaluable to the style of project environment in which we have found ourselves – budget constrained, time poor, with multi-stakeholder interests at both regulatory body and client sides of the construction triangle.

Not one of these projects has had an easy 'life'. Inputs regarding 'buildability' and the value engineering process, plus input to management of the construction budget have resulted in both cost and time savings. Ability to handle changes to design and detail as building progressed both at the program and budget level have been evident in each of the projects. Specific note should be made regarding the exemplary manner in which the construction program for "Lakes Grammar - an Anglican School" Stage 1 was managed, delivering the project on time for the new school year, despite starting in September. In all facets of the operation, NBC's staff team performance was outstanding. Service levels after practical completion have been similarly high.

I have no hesitation in recommending North Building and Construction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Julie Becker  
Director, Lakes Grammar – an Anglican School  
Chair, Building Committee.

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