

1st April 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: REFERENCE FOR NORTH CONSTRUCTIONS

It is with pleasure that I provide this reference for North Constructions Pty Ltd. In particular, Mr Tim Cornish Managing Director, Mr Peter Foot Projects Manager & Mr Glen Webber Site Foreman. Schreiber Hamilton Architecture have an ongoing association with North Constructions formed over recent years through traditional selected tendering processes as well as project feasibilities and submissions for design and construct projects. One particular recent successful project at the cnr of Vincent and Aberdare Roads Cessnock is the \$8.5Million Performing Arts Centre for Cessnock City Council including 466 seat theatre, senior citizens centre, samaritans offices, theatre cafe, hall of fame, multifunctional community rooms, 75 space car park, loading docks, outdoor performance spaces and landscaping.

This project was won by North Constructions through a competitive Tender under an ABIC contract with the architect acting as the project manager/superintendent and was commenced in 2007. The site contained several challenges including an open stormwater channel running across it, underground coal mines stormwater detention, overland flow constraints and two existing historic buildings on site which required retention and adaptive re-use. Mr Tim Cornish and his team of professional staff completed the construction of the project utilising their combined skills and experience in a very professional manner on time and within budget. The project required complex detailing including acoustic wall and ceiling systems, pre-cast concrete panels, concrete and steel tiered seating systems and engineered facade to retain the existing heritage shopfronts.

Schreiber Hamilton Architecture found North Constructions to be structured and very well organised on construction sites whilst always maintaining a pleasant level of professionalism when dealing with construction issues such as variations & VQRs, Architects Instructions, detailing, programming issues, progress certificates, clean and safe site issues and communication with the clients, trades and other consultants. With a tight budget and fixed programme North's were able to assist the design team to manage nil cost variation outcomes to meet the budget without compromising the finished quality. Through their ability to partner with the architects, engineer and clients they have supported a positive team environment which delivered the expected project outcomes accordingly.

I would therefore be pleased to recommend North Constructions as competent, hardworking, highly skilled Builders with a dedicated team able to take on complex architecturally designed projects. I would be pleased to confirm this reference personally if required.

Yours faithfully



Justin Hamilton
Director
Chartered Architect