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Talent Development Project.
242 Young St,
Waterloo.
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Jade Stegbauer

My name is Peter Cousens, and I am the Artistic Director of the Talent Development Project (TDP). I have the honour of overseeing the Project's unique program of developing remarkable young musicians, singers, composers, and performers from NSW Government high schools and guiding them toward sustainable music careers in Australia and around the world.

TDP identifies ambitiously talented artists in their last throes of schooling; develops their creative imaginations and self-belief; surrounds them with a national and international network of professional collaborators and mentors; and then supports them as they set out to achieve their goals and dreams.

Jade attended TDP over a three-year period, as one of these remarkable young musicians. I had the pleasure of witnessing Jade grow as an artist and as a person, although with Jade the two are inseparable.

Jade has uncompromising artistic standards and has developed into a unique and compelling lyricist. She also combines a mix of mysterious simplicity with sophistication to create melodies of evocative power. This paradoxical mix is what then allows us to hear the beauty of Jade's heart in her writing and her voice. As an artist, without doubt over time, Jade will find her way into the hearts and minds of a great many people. It is written in her stars and in her music.

To be with Jade is to be in the company of a sensitive and thoughtful someone who also boasts the strength and resilience of an elite athlete, which she is. A someone who's integrity and kindness walks hand in hand with her faith and the strongest of values. Her drive to serve her community and the the world with her music is palpable.

Jade will fulfil the expectations of those who give her opportunities tenfold.

I recommend Jade Stegbauer unreservedly.

If you need to discuss this reference in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Cousens".

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