

**07 June 2021**

**NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust  
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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: John Robert Stevens**

I have been requested to provide a reference for Mr John Robert Stevens in his capacity as the sole director of Stevens Holdings Pty Ltd.

The writer has acted for John Stevens and his group of companies for in excess of 30 years providing income tax, accounting and other financial advice during our period of association.

John's outstanding success has been due to his hard work, astute business acumen, honesty and integrity. He is respected by his peers, employees and the Central Coast Community where he works and lives. John's development at The Vintage, in the Hunter Valley is testimony to his commitment to excellence and his entrepreneurial and methodical way of developing and delivering projects. John's integrity and forthright manner has helped him achieve these goals as does his loyalty to his clients, consultants and employees. These qualities set him apart from many people in the development industry.

This reference relates to the proposed biodiversity stewardship agreement for a residential land subdivision proposed at Mardi being 414 Old Maitland Road. I have no hesitation in recommending John as a person of character, honesty, integrity and competence for the purposes of a biodiversity stewardship agreement or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,  
**TROOD PRATT & CO.**



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**Partner**

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