



Reference for Tony Sweetnam

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To Whom It May Concern:

I first worked with Tony Sweetnam in the mid 80's when he was Chief Engineer for Kel Aerospace and we at CSIRO undertook some joint research on behalf of this company to look at digital modem technologies for use over telephone connections. In this work I found Tony a very effective collaborator and an engineer with a broad range of experience and expertise.

In 1990 a new Program in CSIRO was initiated and lead by myself to conduct commercially oriented research into very high speed wireless indoor networks and outdoor wireless customer access technology. Tony joined CSIRO to work with this new PLANS Program and his engineering breadth and drive enabled him to fill a vital role as Project Manager for PLANS. This role involved coordinating a core team of 10 persons which was required to work closely with other key Programs in the CSIRO Division of Radiophysics as well as collaborators at Macquarie University. His project management role involved project planning and tracking as well as overseeing project meetings and working with myself and project leaders to manage the overall effort.

The success of this program which produced technology which lead to the very successful Radiata Communications startup company and the CSIRO wireless network patent in now well known. Tony played an important role in the effective management of the PLANS Program and I personally found his contribution very strong and crucial to the overall success of the various projects within this Program.

More recently, I have worked again with Tony in the initial phases of a major new radio telescope project, the Australian Square Kilometer Pathfinder. He was again the project manager for this project and drove many aspects of the work.

I have would have no hesitation in working again with Tony and have always found his drive, tenacity, attention to detail and oversight an important contributor to our many and varied works as colleagues.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O'Sullivan", written in a cursive style.

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