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Dear Dr Ruscoe,

I write in support of Dr Richmond Loh's application for FRDC Aquatic Animal Health Training Scheme.

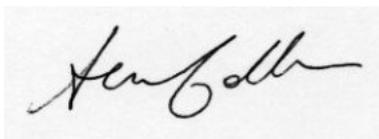
Dr Loh has been instrumental in the teaching of veterinary undergraduates in the area of fish health and welfare. Dr Loh's involvement in the animal welfare module in Murdoch University's School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences include; the development of learning objectives, the writing of course notes, the coordination of the practical classes and the assessment of students on specific handling and diagnostic skills. Dr Loh is knowledgeable and committed to his task and is always available for contact by the school outside of these teaching sessions. Dr Loh was open to modification of these classes in response to feedback and these classes now rate highly with respect to providing excellent handling and diagnostic skills to optimise fish health and welfare.

Dr Loh is clearly passionate about education and specifically improving the knowledge and skills in aquatic health management in Australia as I have heard his talks given at animal welfare sessions including the Australian Veterinary Association conference over the past 2-3 years.

Dr Loh's experience in fish health and in both the ornamental and commercial fish industries is highly valued by the university. Undertaking the specialist training program at Cornell University will only further extend his experience and I highly recommend this scholarship application.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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