



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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10 December 2015

Immigration Officer
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Tena koe Sir/Madam

Re: Peter Garden visa application

I have been asked to provide a letter of reference to support Peter John Garden in his application for an O-1 visa.

I understand that Peter will be carrying out rodent eradication in support of a US based conservation organisation (Island Conservation) and the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. As this is extremely specialised work, only a small number of New Zealand pilots have the skills and experience to be able to carry out this operation efficiently and effectively.

In a former role I was Conservator for the New Zealand Department of Conservation in Southland and as such responsible for New Zealand's largest National Park and the Sub-Antarctic Islands World Heritage Area. In 2001 the Department carried out a habitat restoration project on Campbell Island, deep in the Southern Ocean, which required utilising skilled and dedicated pilots. Peter managed and coordinated the operation as chief pilot and as a result of his commitment the task was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. This island remains free of rodents to this day and now provides a safe breeding area for a multitude of sea birds and a small number of critically endangered land birds.

Peter is an excellent pilot with strong organisational and management skills which he is always keen to pass on to other pilots.

I have no hesitation in recommending him in this application.

Naku noa, na



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Immigration Officer
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Tena koe Sir/Madam

Re: Bryan Beck visa application

I have been asked to provide a letter of reference to support Bryan Thomas Beck in his application for an O-1 visa.

I understand that Bryan will be carrying out rodent eradication in support of a US based conservation organisation (Island Conservation) and the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. As this is extremely specialised work, only a small number of New Zealand pilots have the skills and experience to be able to carry out this operation efficiently and effectively.

In a former role I was Conservator for the New Zealand Department of Conservation in Southland and as such responsible for New Zealand's largest National Park and the Sub-Antarctic Islands World Heritage Area. In 2001 the Department carried out a habitat restoration project on Campbell Island, deep in the Southern Ocean, which required utilising skilled and dedicated pilots. Bryan held the position of baiting pilot for this operation which was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. This island remains free of rodents to this day and now provides a safe breeding area for a multitude of sea birds and a small number of critically endangered land birds.

I have no hesitation in recommending him in this application.

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