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Mr Tom Duncan

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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2017 regarding petition numbers 4-17 and 7-17 lodged by Ms Tara Cheyne MLA and received by the ACT Legislative Assembly on 9 May 2017.

I understand the petition brings to the attention of the Assembly that funding for the arts is increased, that an arts advisory board is established and that the government works with the community in developing a funding model for 2018.

The petitioners have requested the ACT Government commit to:

Honour its election commitment to increase annual Project Funding by \$500,000 so that each year recurrent Project Funding is budgeted at a minimum of \$1.25 million, commencing in the 2017-18 Budget.

Ensure that this increase in Project Funding be funded through an increase in the Arts Fund, and not taken from other parts of the Arts Fund.

Set up an Arts Ministerial Advisory Board by 1 September 2017, reporting directly to the Minister. This Board will be established to provide principled and transparent advice around arts funding and policy, and made up of arts practitioners nominated by the Arts Community.

Ensure that the Minister works with the Arts Community to create the best possible funding model for the Arts Fund that will best service ACT Artists, Organisations, and the Community, for implementation in 2018 and going forward.

Increase the overall Arts Fund by a minimum of \$1.25 million beginning in the 2017-18 Budget.

In accordance with Standing Order 100, I provide you with the following response to the petition for presentation to the Assembly:

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On 15 May 2017, the Government announced a new funding package for the arts as part of the 2017-18 ACT Budget. The \$21.6 million package in the 2017-18 Budget will support the Government's vision for a more vibrant ACT, with better community facilities and services in the arts sector.

This package includes:

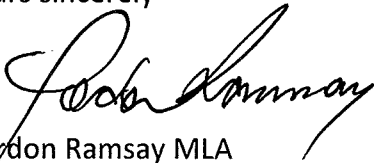
- \$500,000 for Project funding to ensure that a minimum of \$750,000 is available for Project funding for each of the next four years;
- \$100,000 funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists for each the next four years;
- \$250,000 funding to the Australian National University's for its new Advanced Music Performance Program for each of the next four years;
- \$130,000 for Art, Not Apart for each of the next three years;
- \$100,000 for DESIGN Canberra for each of the next three years;
- \$35,000 funding for Kulture Break for each of the next three years; and
- Funding for new pop-up arts events in Woden and Gungahlin commencing in 2018-19 for three years.

The Government has developed a new arts funding plan and intends to consult with the community on this plan and how it can be implemented.

The Government intends to consult with the community on a proposed advisory body for the arts through a series of roundtable meetings.

Thank you for bringing this petition to the attention of the ACT Government.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for the Arts and Community Events

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