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INQUIRY INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE OUTSIDE THE SYDNEY CBD

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The Committee Manager NSW Public Works Committee Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Watson

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Legislative Assembly's inquiry into the development of arts and cultural infrastructure outside the Sydney CBD.

Lockhart Shire Council is a small, rural council with a population of some 3,300 persons adjoining the Wagga Wagga City Council boundary, Narrandera Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Greater Hume Shire Council. We have two centres of population being The Rock and also Lockhart townships, which each have approximately 1,000 persons and the remainder of the population is involved in farming activities.

It is, of course, doubtful that the enquiry would consider significant infrastructure in the Lockhart Shire, however, it is believed the purchase of some form of travelling vehicle which could be incorporated into a road show to exhibit arts and crafts from other parts of NSW would be of benefit to our small communities.

The Shire's population does have some excellent artists and it is believed that providing travelling exhibitions of other works would create much more interest in arts and culture throughout the Shire.

The financial impact to the townships would also be considerable if the travelling shows were able to be in the townships as that would attract local residents and visitors to the townships.

Once again, many thanks for the opportunity to participate in this inquiry.

Yours faithfully

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