

Submission
No 51

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

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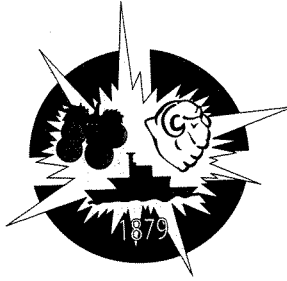
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David Borger MP,

**Re: Inquiry into the development of arts and cultural infrastructure outside the
Sydney CBD**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2008 regarding the inquiry into the development of arts and cultural infrastructure outside the Sydney CBD.

The Wentworth Shire Council is a member of West Darling Arts - Regional Arts Network. West Darling Arts covers a number of local government areas. West Darling Arts are particularly supporting culture of our towns through the promotion of creative industries.

Our main concern is with the lack of suitable infrastructure to support the arts in general and lack of funding to fit-out our existing buildings that would be suitable for events.

Wentworth Shire is a small Council and we do not have an arts or cultural officer or other dedicated staff.

Other than supporting the Regional Arts Network, we provide funding for a community restoration project of the 'PS Ruby' Paddlesteamer, support the Historical Society, Mildura/Wentworth Arts, the Showgrounds, and have three excellent Libraries at an approximate cost of \$400,000 to our ratepayers.

Our town is situated approximately 30 minutes from Mildura, a main regional centre and residents of the Shire have exposure to some Arts and Cultural events that are held in Victoria.

Wentworth, The Shire On Two Rivers

A submission by Regional Arts NSW and the Local Government Shires Association will cover additional issues that affect our Council.

Yours sincerely,

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