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No 4

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

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FROM THE DIRECTOR MARY-LOUISE WILLIAMS

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David Borger MP  
Chairman  
Inquiry into the Development of Arts and Cultural  
Infrastructure Outside the Sydney CBD  
Legislative Assembly  
Public Works Committee  
Parliament of NSW  
Macquarie Street,  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Borger,

Thank you for your letter of 4 August outlining the inquiry into the development of arts and cultural infrastructure outside the Sydney CBD - and for giving me the opportunity to respond. Firstly I applaud the aim to draw together a picture of where arts and cultural activities operate outside Sydney's CBD - in order to identify gaps and needs.

I am the director of the Australian National Maritime Museum. We are based in Darling Harbour and are one of the very few commonwealth collecting institutions outside Canberra. We are a statutory authority and come within the responsibility of the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Heritage.

We operate an outreach program Australia-wide through advisory services, grant programs and special projects. We support the work of the Council of Australian Maritime Museums, a forum for maritime collections of all sizes and budgets in the country including several in New South Wales.

Some of our outreach services include the following:

- A program of travelling exhibitions to regional areas - some in NSW
- Voyages of HMB *Endeavour* a faithful replica of Captain Cook's ship - one that sails to communities around the coast. Its current voyage will taken in Newcastle Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour
- A National Register of Historic Vessels working with clubs, associations, museums and individuals
- Advisory services to museums such as the soon-to-be opened new maritime museum on Newcastle Harbour
- We run a grant program for small museums for maritime history projects
- We also run an internship program whereby volunteers and trained personnel from regional museum can work with our specialist staff in Sydney

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We also work with staff at Museums and Galleries NSW who provide services to regional museums and galleries throughout the state. They would be a very useful point of contact for your enquiry but I'm sure that they are on your list.

If we can be of any assistance in your research please let us know. I wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary-Louise Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary-Louise Williams