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Member for Ginninderra

Attorney-General
Minister for Regulatory Services
Minister for the Arts and Community Events
Minister for Veterans and Seniors

Mr Tom Duncan
Clerk
ACT Legislative Assembly

Dear Mr Duncan

14/11/16

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2016 regarding petition numbers 4-16 and 7-16 lodged by Dr Chris Bourke MLA and received by the ACT Legislative Assembly on 11 August 2016.

I understand the petition brings to the attention of the Assembly the proven success of the Belconnen Arts Centre since stage 1 opened in 2009 and the anticipation of signatories, of the completion of stage 2 of the Centre as an essential part of Belconnen's community and culture.

The petitioners have requested the ACT Government commit to a timeline and funding for the completion of Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre by 2021.

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

The Belconnen Arts Centre is an important element of both the arts and community landscape in the ACT and a key contributor to the vibrancy of Emu Bank and the broader Belconnen Town Centre.

The ACT Government has committed to constructing Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre, to allow a wider range of uses by community, artistic and performance groups and is currently developing a timeline for this work.

The community support for Stage 2 of Belconnen Arts Centre is apparent and will be an important continuing component of its development.

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

Yours sincerely

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