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Our ref: CTS 16039/24

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4073-24 regarding the subject of expanding FairPlay voucher activity provider eligibility criteria to include creative and/or artistic pastimes such as art and music that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024.

I note the views of the petitioners, commend their efforts and appreciate their concern for children and young people who have a passion for art and music in Queensland and the positive impact it has on them.

The FairPlay program is an initiative under *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029 (Activate!)*, which is the Queensland Government's 10-year strategy to embed physical activity in our daily lives, get more Queenslanders moving more often, and promote better connected communities. The eligible activities include dance and circus skills.

Currently, the Department of Tourism and Sport (DTS) is delivering the second action plan (*Accelerate 2022-2025 (Accelerate)*), under *Activate!*, which outlines the Queensland Government's three-year vision to get more Queenslanders moving, more often. *Accelerate* will continue to provide targeted and deliberate action and investment through five key commitments, including to 'Collaborate with active industry to get more Queenslanders moving'.

As part of *Accelerate*, an eligibility framework was formulated to inform decisions for Sport and Recreation funding and grant programs, including FairPlay. The framework consists of five principles that determine eligibility criteria. Based on these principles, some creative and/or artistic pastimes are ineligible activities as they do not meet the definition of physical activity. Activities which fall under the portfolio responsibility of other Queensland Government departments, for example, Arts Queensland, are also ineligible. For more information, please visit www.dts.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs/funding-grant-eligibility.

Arts Queensland, within the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts, is committed to growing a vibrant and sustainable arts, cultural and creative sector, and fostering opportunities for Queenslanders to access arts and cultural experiences across the State. I encourage community members and organisations to contact Arts Queensland to discuss opportunities for supporting young people's engagement in arts and cultural activity.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Healy".

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