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**Australian Government**  
**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,**  
**Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

Dispatched to MO  
19 DEC 2022

**To: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (for decision)**

**Subject:** Investing in Our Communities Program - Grant Opportunity Guidelines Approval

**Critical Date:** As soon as practical to allow time for Minister of Finance approval and the publication of program guidelines prior to the anticipated program opening in early January 2023.

**Recommendations:**  
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[Redacted content]

4. That you **agree** to the updates to the current list of commitments to be invited to submit an application for the Investing in Our Communities Program and those identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment E**.

Agreed /  Not Agreed

5. That you **sign** letters to relevant Ministers for commitments identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment F**.

Signed /  Not Signed

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date: 29.1.23.

Comments:

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**Key Points:**

1. In the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government committed administered funding of up to \$349.9 million for the Investing in Our Communities Program (the program) over five financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The one-off, closed, non-competitive program will deliver the Australian Government's 2022 election commitments and Community Development Grants Programme commitments identified through the 2022 Pre-election Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) of up to \$5 million.
2. The key objective of the program is to build resilient communities and increase community liveability by providing grants for infrastructure projects. The program will deliver on this objective by funding community and sporting infrastructure, open space improvements and other community priority projects that will drive economic opportunity and/or provide improved amenity, accessibility and liveability outcomes.

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8. An indicative list of commitments intended to be funded by the program was agreed as part of the 2022-23 October Budget process. Following further review and consultations with your office, the department has updated the list including proposed transfer of a number of projects where they have been identified as ineligible under grant opportunity guidelines and/or were more suited to delivery by other portfolios. The updated list of commitments, including those identified for allocation to other portfolios, is at **Attachment E**. Letters addressed to relevant Ministers to transfer projects is provided at **Attachment F**. s 22

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9. If you agree to the updated commitments list s 22  
s 22 we will prepare a letter to the Prime Minister to advise him of the confirmed commitment list for the Investing in Our Communities Program. This will provide policy authority for the invitations to be issued under the program.

**Financial impacts:** N/A

**Legal/Legislative impacts:**

10. You wrote to the Minister for Finance on 7 November 2022 on a Schedule 1AB legislative instrument for the program (MS22-002079 refers) under the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*. Following formal agreement from the Minister for Finance on 22 November 2022, the amendments for the program were considered at the Federal Executive Council (ExCo) meeting on 8 December 2022 and are now legislated.

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: s 22
- Attachment B: [Redacted]
- Attachment C: [Redacted]
- Attachment D: [Redacted]
- Attachment E: Updated IIOC commitments list (current at 15 December 2022)
- Attachment F: Letters to Ministers with portfolio responsibilities for transferred projects

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**Instructions for MPS:** Nil

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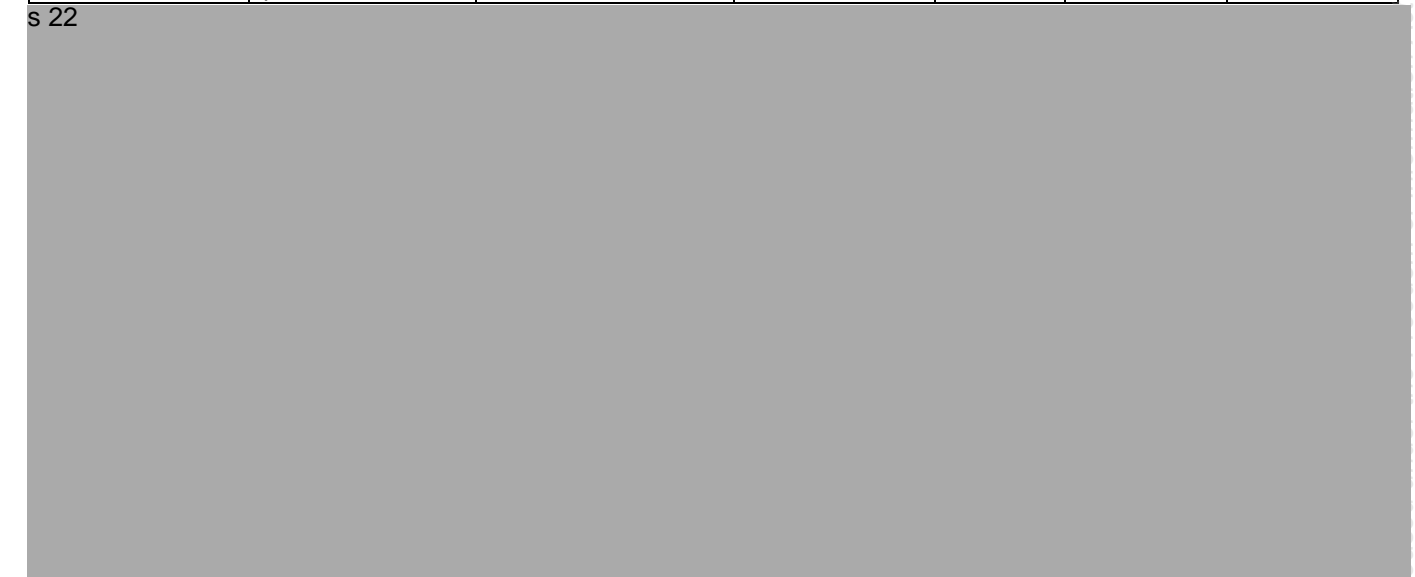
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QLD	Brisbane Arts Theatre and PIP Theatre – maintenance and theatre production	Brisbane Arts Theatre and PIP Theatre	\$15,000.00		Arts	
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**The Hon Catherine King MP**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat**

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The Hon Tony Burke MP  
Minister for the Arts  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Tony*

During the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government agreed to the Investing in Our Communities Program (program) to deliver election commitments and eligible commitments committed by the former Government’s Community Development Grants Programme during the 2022 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook of up to \$5 million.

My department has identified that the following commitment is unable to meet the eligibility requirements of the program and your portfolio is better placed to administer the project.

State/Territory	Project title	Organisation	Funding
QLD	Brisbane Arts Theatre and PIP Theatre – maintenance and theatre production	Brisbane Arts Theatre and PIP Theatre	\$15,000.00

If you accept this transfer, this can be confirmed via return letter. I will advise the Prime Minister of the reallocation of commitments to alternative portfolios once the transfers are settled.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

*29 / 1 / 2023*

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**The Hon Tony Burke MP**  
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
Minister for the Arts  
Leader of the House

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The Hon Catherine King MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

By email: [Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au)

Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 January 2023 regarding funding for the Brisbane Arts Theatre and Purpose in Performance (PIP) Theatre in Milton.

I note that the Australian Government made an election commitment in April 2022 to provide \$15,000 to the PIP Theatre and Brisbane Arts Theatre.

The Government's new National Cultural Policy, *Revive*, articulates our commitment to supporting strong infrastructure for artists, to provide training, development and space to share new works.

I accept the transfer of this project to my portfolio and look forward to receiving further information about this project, so that the department can determine the most appropriate funding source.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tony Burke'.

**THE HON TONY BURKE MP**

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**From:** s 22 <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 March 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** s 22 <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: For advice today pls: Election commitments moving between portfolios [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Projects earmarked for transfer – per Ministers Letters

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