

Grace Grace MP

Member for McConnell
your hardworking local



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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of the US in the MUSIC program being submitted to the Arts Australia RISE Grant funding program.

Since 2001, musicians who have toured with Pushworth have earned just over \$46million in box office receipts and have sold over 9.6 million tickets to audiences across the country. Working with musicians as they emerge from the studio to winning Aria and Grammy awards, Pushworth has created employment opportunities for 28376 Live Music Artists and associated production crew in Queensland since 1990.

The US in the MUSIC initiative brings together the elements of community, celebration and the soundtrack to our lives. This program is designed to rebuild local business communities through the pathway of a live and local music event, by expanding the market for the local venue, raising the profile of local businesses, tourism operators and community media partners. Supported by the Mental Awareness Foundation, the US in the MUSIC is in the creation of local community hubs focused on a local economic promotion and recovery.

I support the efforts of the Pushworth group as they seek external funding to reactivate the earning ability for musicians, support the economic recovery and growth of regional bars and venues and regional local community hubs through the US in the MUSIC program.

Kind regards,

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