

# **Attachment A**

**Letter from the Hon Don Harwin – Special  
Minister of State, Minister for the Public  
Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal  
Affairs and the Arts**



**The Hon. Don Harwin MLC**

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

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Cr Clover Moore  
Lord Mayor of Sydney  
City of Sydney  
Town Hall House  
Level 2, 456 Kent Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Lord Mayor

The NSW Government is working to improve cultural infrastructure across the State and welcomes new opportunities for the creation of additional cultural venues.

The NSW Government's *Cultural Infrastructure Plan 2025+* is the strategic framework that guides the State's cultural infrastructure planning and investment. Led by Create NSW, the *Cultural Infrastructure Plan*'s strategic priorities include for New South Wales to be a place where:

- Cultural infrastructure planning is integrated with state and local planning processes;
- There is an increased availability of affordable, fit-for-purpose and sustainable space to support growth of the cultural sector and creative industries;
- Cultural infrastructure delivery and funding is supported by partnerships (including local councils).

The *Cultural Infrastructure Plan* identifies a shortage of performance venues in Sydney and we know arts, screen and culture, including an active theatre scene, can play a key role in building our state's night-time economy.

I understand that Council has provided a cash sponsorship to The Committee for Sydney for its Night-time Precinct Vision for Kings Cross Project. The Minerva Theatre could contribute to a revitalised nightlife.

I understand there is an opportunity to work with the City of Sydney to consider the future of the former Minerva Theatre in Potts Point. I would support the development of a viability study jointly funded by the City of Sydney and the NSW Government to investigate how the Minerva Theatre could re-open to operate sustainably into the future.

Yours sincerely

*Handwritten signature: Don Harwin*

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