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Dear Professor Williams

Thank you for your letter of 24 November 2014 about the review of the ACT Arts Policy Framework.

Thank you also for your support of the Policy Framework and I agree that it is important for the ACT Government to have a document that can guide decision-making and provide a policy context for funding.

The review of the ACT Arts Policy Framework is in planning stages and is expected to run through the first half of 2015. artsACT is currently working on the scope of the review as well as commencing planning for a sector analysis. artsACT has identified the need for an analysis of the arts and cultural sector in the ACT to ensure that the full potential of the Government's investment in the arts is being realised.

This analysis is an important opportunity for artsACT to assess the current landscape providing an opportunity for continuous improvement and informing future policy making and arts development and in acknowledgement of changes to the arts landscape.

I assure you that in scoping the review and sector analysis, artsACT is considering the most appropriate methods for consulting with the community. As part of this consideration I have agreed to establish an ACT Arts Policy Framework Review Reference Group. This Reference Group will provide input and advice on the Review and the sector analysis and play a part in elements of the community engagement process.

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The membership of the Reference Group has not yet been finalised, however, I take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the Group and be involved in this important review.

Mr David Whitney, Director, artsACT will be in contact to discuss the Terms of Reference and timeframes for the process.

I look forward to hearing more regarding your involvement in the Review and thank you and the Childers Group for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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