

Dear Lynn,

Hopefully I am sending this to the correct person, if not please let me know (phone 5152 4074 due date of 1/6/07)

I wish to submit a formal submission for the Inquiry into Rural & Regional Tourism.

As a resident of East Gippsland I am concerned at the lack of investment in this area toward infra structure for cultural tourism.

Our present facilities are totally inadequate for many reasons & deter most touring performing & visual artists, which would otherwise visit our area. Also these buildings provide a very poor quality venue for our local artists (some of international fame e.g. Don Burrows, Doug Colquhoun ).

I consider the provision of a suitable purpose built arts/culture facility would encourage regional tourism to our area for a no. of reasons, including

Attracting international/national artists to our area

Attracting audiences to our area

Hence would have positive flow on effects for the local tourism industry & employment, with economic benefits for East Gippsland

The arts are an integral part of any community & unfortunately our present facilities are definitely a strong deterrent to cultural tourism in our area

Thank you for your time with this matter

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Yours sincerely,                      Andrea Fail