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To Whom It May Concern

Re; Dance Stage, Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, Darwin

The Seabreeze Festival is one of the most important events on Darwin's Artistic Calendar and the Dance Stage is at the centre of the Festivals activities, without it the festival would lack soul. Dance in Darwin is a very strong art form both at a professional and community level.

The Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival Dance Stage is really the only platform, other than the Tracks Dance show in the Darwin Festival that brings together youth, community, multicultural, professional and indigenous dancers.

Hundreds of people gather to watch performances at the stage throughout the day. For many this is their first opportunity to see dance and I am certain in many cases this awakens their interest, to study dance in school, independently or within community organisations.

For the many thousands of people who attend classes, this annual event provides an out let to showcase their skills and express their enjoyment. Without this opportunity to perform for an audience, their activity and focus will inevitably atrophy. So, the Nightcliff Seabreeze Dance Stage is integral to the artistic and community spirit of Darwin and absolutely deserves support to ensure a professional and safe delivery for all involved.

I strongly encourage you to support this proposal. A relatively modest amount of money invested will have a very positive impact on hundreds of performers and spectators and is money well spent.

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