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To whom it may concern,

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Tracks Dance Company is the premier dance company of the Northern Territory, and have won many awards for our work over the years. We have been a long term supporter of the dance stage at the Seabreeze Festival. As a dance company we work with a broad cross sector of the community: from children, youth, through to our seniors troupe (The Grey Panthers) of dancers over 60. We work with cultural groups, contemporary dancers, break dancers, and many other styles. We run youth leadership programs, and artistic development courses – our reach is broad and diverse.

The Dance Stage is an annual event that allows us to display the shorter works from the many community groups, that do not get the privilege of a full season. The Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival has always had strong connection to community and this is the foundation of our work.

Tracks strongly supports the development of this dance site. It is the most attended site of the weekend, with nearly 700 dancers and between 10,000 and 15,000 people watching over the day. With performances going all day and into the night, it clearly services a great need. The Dance Stage is a jewel of diversity in the Seabreeze Festival crown.

As this event has continually grown over the years, it is now becoming a struggle for people to see the work, and for the performers (also growing in number) to be able to prepare in a safe and large enough space. We also strongly support the proposal that performance groups are recompensed with a reasonable fee, as many of these groups have significant outlay of their own funds, simply to costume large groups of dancers, especially when many of the groups have such cultural specificities.

Yours Sincerely



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Co-Artistic Director