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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the application of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival and their request for the 3-year funding option. This long-running community arts event has proved itself to be a worthwhile, valid and important cultural event on our Darwin Arts calendar.

As a long term Darwin artist, educator and involved community member, I have attended, participated and enjoyed the Seabreeze Festival and all it has to offer. My students, both at Darwin High School and the Darwin School of Ballet, have gained important and valuable stage experience and exposure through this event. They come away from the opportunity enriched and proud to be young performing artists and Territorians. We should encourage this as it empowers our NT youth, provides a sense of self, community spirit, awareness and self-confidence – these traits are vital to building creative, engaged participants in life.

I encourage you to continue offering support in the form of a 3-year funding option for the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, in its 13th year. And would highly encourage you to continue offering this financial support onwards into its future. The Festival celebrates diversity, which is much needed given the current political climate and you can be guaranteed that your financial support will go straight back into your community. A win for everyone – which is the spirit of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Quinn", is written over the typed name.

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