

Here we go on the merry go round again !

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Dr Andrew R. Wallace, Chair
Riverina Conservatorium of Music
South Campus, Charles Sturt University
Hely Avenue
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Dear Dr Wallace,

I write in response to the Riverina Conservatorium of Music's unsolicited proposal submission regarding the acquisition of 1 Simmons Street, Wagga Wagga.

I appreciate you taking the time and effort to make a submission under the Unsolicited Proposals process. Unfortunately, the submission has not met the very high requirements put in place under the *Unsolicited Proposals Guide for Submission and Assessment (February 2014)*.

Specifically, the assessment found that the proposal was not able to satisfy the 'uniqueness' criterion that is required to justify direct dealing. This was because the Riverina Conservatorium of Music does not have any unique rights to the property, and as such there would be other organisations who could potentially acquire the property in a standard procurement process.

Having said that, the Government appreciates the role and importance that cultural facilities such as the Conservatorium of Music have for communities in regional NSW. The recent NSW Budget includes a \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund for economic activation and community projects, including cultural projects. As this fund includes a number of potential funding opportunities that may be applicable to the Conservatorium, I have provided your proposal to the Department's Regional NSW Group. They will be able to guide and assist you in applying to the most appropriate fund/s to take this proposal forward.

Mr Chris Hanger, A/Executive Director, will contact you shortly to discuss a range of potential funding application opportunities. Mr Hanger's contact details are 9228 3641 or chris.hanger@dpc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Paul Myers
Executive Director
State Economy Branch
7 July 2017