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Dear Minister

I refer to previous correspondence concerning funding for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music.

Please find attached a letter I have received from Mr Richard Gill OAM which supports a new building program for the Conservatorium.

It will be appreciated if this letter could be considered with my previous representations.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

DARYL MAGUIRE MP Member for Wagga Wagga

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It is a pleasure to write a letter in support of a new building program for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music.

The Regional Conservatoria play a distinct and significant role in the cultural life of not only New South Wales, but also Australia generally.

The provision of high quality music tuition and allied musical studies to students in regions and outlying areas of New South Wales has been in train since the 1970s.

The value of this tuition is evident in the number of students from all over New South Wales who are enrolled in courses of study at these conservatoria and who later elect to study music at an advanced level, either as performers or teachers.

Having had first-hand experience as a guest teacher at some of these institutions across the state I can testify to the quality of work undertaken and the very potent effect this type of education has on the community generally. Music education has the capacity to engage children in special and unique ways. There is now very strong supportive evidence that such education has an on-going flow of benefits in all areas of learning. This type of education should be available to all children irrespective of where they live in New South Wales

I can, therefore, support whole-heartedly the Riverina Conservatorium of Music's case for a new building. This area of New South Wales has a strong track record of producing fine musicians. The advantages of a purpose built venue for the conservatorium to carry out its important work cannot be over-estimated. Regional communities should have the best facilities available, reflecting the region's seriousness with which it takes its cultural pursuits. Here is an opportunity for the Riverina to demonstrate a long-term and serious commitment to education in music, thereby showing cultural leadership in an exemplary way.

I support their application unreservedly.

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