



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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MEMBER FOR BATEMAN

Hon Catherine King MP
Minister for Infrastructure; Transport; Regional Development and Local Government
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19th August 2024

Dear Minister King,

Letter of Support – Funding Melville Cultural Heart Precinct (Library and Cultural Centre)

We are writing to express our support for the proposed funding of the new Melville Cultural Heart Precinct - the Library and Cultural Centre (LCC) within the City of Melville, which is seeking contributions from the Federal Government's Thriving Suburbs Grant Program, and/or other appropriate funding sources.

This transformative project is crucial for our community and promises substantial benefits not only locally but also at the state and national levels. The City of Melville has committed \$38 million to deliver this \$59 million project, underscoring its readiness to proceed pending external funding.

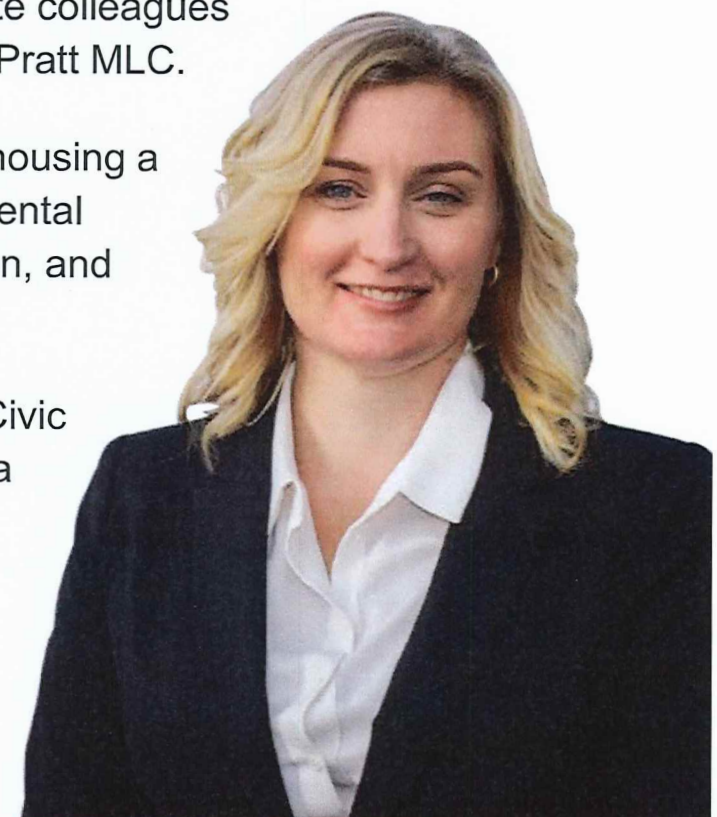
A central cultural precinct is currently lacking within the City of Melville region. Following extensive community consultation, it became evident that our community needs a vibrant hub where culture, education, and community can thrive together.

While the proposed LCC sits in the heart of my State electorate of Bateman, and my Federal colleague Sam Lim MP's electorate of Tangney, the benefits will extend to communities across the region. For this reason, the LCC shares the support of my State colleagues Lisa O'Malley MLA, Peter Tinley MLA, Dr Jags MLA and Stephen Pratt MLC.

The proposed LCC will serve as a 6-star green accredited facility housing a comprehensive array of services and aligns with broader governmental objectives by promoting cultural development, supporting education, and enhancing community infrastructure.

The centre will integrate with surrounding landmarks such as the Civic Centre, Melville Main Hall, and Yagan Mia Wireless Hill, fostering a cohesive cultural environment. Its proximity to the \$792 million redevelopment of Westfield Booragoon accentuates its role as a pivotal cultural hub in the evolving landscape of our electorate.

The economic and social benefits of this project are significant.



Beyond providing essential educational resources and cultural spaces, it will enhance social cohesion and community engagement. The outdoor civic space and commercial amenities will create opportunities for public gatherings and cultural events, enriching the quality of life for our diverse community.

Federal Government investment into the LCC is a contribution to the long-term prosperity and cultural vitality of this region, representing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a lasting legacy. Its impact will be felt for decades as a place where people come together to learn, create, and celebrate.

We seek your consideration of this project in the upcoming Thriving Suburbs Program grant application.

Regards,



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