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Dear Paul,

I write to thank you for your recent letter about Musicians Australia, the MEAA division representing gigging and freelance musicians.

South Australian musicians, along with their peers around the country and other members of our arts and culture sector, have indeed found the past year challenging as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response, my Government has so far provided to artists and organisations more than \$14 million in quick response, arts recovery and other strategic funding, including significant funding to organisations and enterprises that engage musicians for projects, programs and events.

I was interested to learn that Musicians Australia is working on a music industry code of conduct, and that members have endorsed a minimum performance rate for musicians.

I note you will be recommending that musicians charge this minimum performance rate for all publicly funded productions and I acknowledge your request that relevant government funding rules and guidelines include a requirement to comply with it.

Across several departments and agencies, the South Australian Government funds organisations, enterprises and individuals that engage artists including musicians for a range of projects and in their annual programs and events.

While the payment of specific, minimum rates is not mandated, grant applicants and funded organisations are encouraged to pay appropriate fees when engaging artists and this principle is considered by peers when assessing applications.

Program guidelines publish links to industry standards and award rates, including those of the MEAA, and will be updated to include a link to the Musicians Australia web page. It is a condition of grants and funding that recipients are required to comply with laws and policies in place in South Australia. These include those relating to employment and industrial relations.

The South Australian Government is committed to the principle of appropriate remuneration for artists and will continue to require compliance with legal obligations and encourage the payment of minimum performance rates for musicians across our programs.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Steven Marshall MP
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