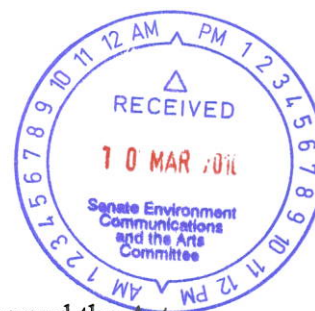


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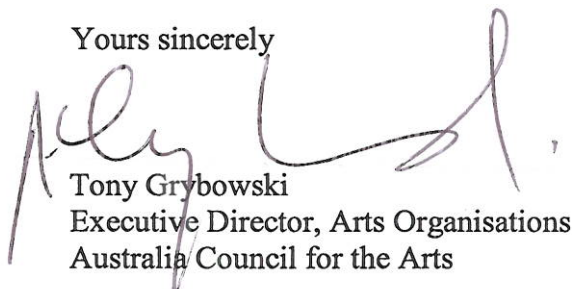
Dear Senator McEwen

On 8 February 2010, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts for the 2009-10 Additional Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing, Senator Troeth asked a number of questions relating to membership vacancies on the Australia Council's artform boards, including the Major Performing Arts Board. In response to the question regarding vacancies on the Major Performing Arts Board, I indicated that currently there was one vacancy. The Major Performing Arts Board has a target membership of eight members including the Chair. The Australia Council Act (1975) states that the maximum membership for artform Boards is a Chairperson plus eight members.

I wish to clarify that my answer referred to our target number of members rather than the maximum membership stated in the Act.

Yours sincerely



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