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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 16 July 2020 regarding the Parliamentary Petition No. 3310-20 concerning a 'Unique opportunity for a Queensland Indigenous Art theme at the new Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) theatre'.

I commend the petitioners' commitment to showcase First Nations arts and culture and to create new cultural tourism experiences for visitors to Brisbane.

The new theatre at QPAC is a \$150 million investment to support the growth of local arts and cultural companies, meet growing demand for multiple art forms and to enable larger audiences to experience inspiring performances.

The new theatre provides an opportunity to celebrate First Nations arts and culture on both the stage and within the design of the new theatre. Guiding the design is collaboration with First Nations peoples to identify important themes and narratives that can be incorporated and embedded within the theatre's design, including elements such as flooring, walls and fittings.

A Curatorial Panel, chaired by the QPAC Chief Executive, with representatives from the design team, the QPAC Elder in Residence and a First Nations Curator from the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art has been established. The Panel will identify opportunities for First Nations artists, particularly those from Queensland, to be showcased in the design of the new theatre.

I thank the petitioners for their suggestion in relation to the new theatre's name, however it will be some time yet before formal consideration is given to naming the new theatre.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Leeanne Enoch MP  
**Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef,  
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