



# Cameron Dick

Doing What Matters for Queensland



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Dear Mr Stewart

Thank you for your letter outlining QMusic's priorities for the 2024 State Election.

Our Labor Government led by new Premier Steven Miles has delivered historic cost of living relief for all Queenslanders. By making multinational mining companies pay their fair share we have delivered \$1,300 off every Queenslanders' power bill, 50 cent public transport fares, cutting rego by 20%, free Kindy, free TAFE, we banned rent bidding, cut stamp duty for first home buyers and delivered \$200 FairPlay vouchers for all Queensland families to help with the cost of kids' sport.

We also have an ambitious plan for Queensland's future – more health workers and more hospitals, more schools, roads, public transport, projects to keep Queenslanders in jobs and a universal free school lunch program at State primary schools. We're building more homes for Queenslanders, delivering our nation-leading Energy and Jobs Plan to power our homes and economy with cheap firm renewable energy and we're acting on community safety with more police and crime prevention.

A re-elected Miles Labor Government commits to meeting with QMusic to discuss your funding requests and to consider funding as part of the 2025-26 Budget. A re-elected Miles Labor Government also commits to continue to work collaboratively with QMusic to further uplift Queensland's music industry.

The Miles Labor Government has been proud to support Queensland's vibrant live music industry, recognising the importance of live music venues, musicians, artists and arts workers. Premier Steven Miles has already delivered a \$2 million funding package to the Woodford Folk Festival, which will help future proof the event and support hundreds of jobs. Our Government has also appointed Mr John JC Collins AM as Queensland's first ever Night Life Economy Commissioner to support, promote and advocate for the industry.

The Miles Labor Government is focused on supporting all aspects of the industry including peak bodies, music organisations, festivals, groups and individual practitioners. We're proud to be delivering \$1.8 million in operational funding over four years (2022-25) to QMusic as the peak body for the industry, and \$60,000 annually towards four music awards administered by QMusic.

Our Labor Government was also proud to deliver an uplift of an additional \$3.64 million over four years to support the delivery of BIGSOUND and the First Nations Goolwal Goolwal initiative at BIGSOUND. Our support for the Live Music Industry also extends to funding through arts owned companies like Major Brisbane Festivals and Queensland Music Festival, music organisations including Camerata, Australian Festival of Chamber Music and Topology, and major performing arts companies including Queensland Symphony Orchestra who program, commission, and showcase the work of musicians.

In contrast, David Crisafulli and the LNP have outlined no vision other than to cut – projects, jobs and essential services. Mr Crisafulli is a risk to Queensland, and he will cut what matters to Queenslanders, just like the LNP did last time.

The LNP's policy pamphlet, 'The Right Priorities for Queensland's Future' has no mention of Queensland's arts and cultural sector at all.

The Miles Labor Government has delivered record funding to support the arts in Queensland, but we know this is all at risk under the LNP.


The LNP's last term in government was devastating to the arts and cultural sector in Queensland. This included cutting the Queensland Literary Awards, before proceeding to cut even more funding from the arts sector. This resulted in the defunding of many organisations.

Only a Miles Labor Government will continue to invest in Queensland's artists, arts companies and arts workers.

I urge you to communicate this message to your members and supporters.

Should the Miles Government be re-elected, we look forward to working with you to continue doing what matters for Queensland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Dick', with a stylized, cursive script.

**CAMERON DICK MP**  
**Deputy Premier**  
**Treasurer**  
**Minister for Trade and Investment**

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