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The General Manager
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Dear Sir

Re: Breath of Life Music Festival

It has recently come to my attention through media reports that Council has decided not to provide funding next year to the Breath of Life music festival held annually in Launceston's Inveresk Precinct.

I understand that Council has provided funding of approximately \$21,000 over the past 2 years and that a request was submitted for a further funding grant of \$20,000 to ensure the festival's continuation in Launceston.

Aside from the relatively conservative amount requested, I am at a loss as to why the Council's events committee would not consider this event to meet the criteria associated with its policy to assess funding requests on their social, environmental and economic values. I would be pleased if you could provide a detailed response in that regard.

Additionally, given the challenges local business, retail and hospitality outlets are currently facing, it would seem that an event that has previously hosted 16,000 patrons (many from out of the area) and reportedly injects up to \$2.3m into the local economy, would certainly be a worthy project and deserving of ongoing funding and support by Council.

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While I applaud the Council's ongoing support of events such as the Junction Arts Festival and New Year on Royal, it would seem that funding commitments of \$105,000 and \$120,000 respectively to those projects far exceed that of the request of the Breath of Life festival, and yet neither of those events would attract the kind of patronage to the City that the Breath of Life festival brings.

I ask Council to urgently reconsider their decision not to fund this worthwhile event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Booth', written in a cursive style.

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