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Sent on behalf of John Watt

Dear Mr Boyle,

I am writing to you on behalf of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE). As an economic and social development agency, HIE sees the role of culture as being important for a number of reasons, but principally: to improve the quality of life, and therefore help to retain and attract population to this area; as a contributor to the economy; and as a component of regional identity with significant impacts on community and personal confidence.

We have decided not to submit our own detailed comments to the Cultural Commission. However, HIE would wish to endorse the views expressed by HI~Arts Ltd in their submission which I believe was delivered to the Commission recently. As you will note from this document, HIE co-funds HI~Arts alongside the Scottish Arts Council.

While we endorse both the overall tenor and the detail of the HI~Arts submission, we would also like to underline the generally good experience we have had from 'light-touch', arms length models of development delivery, notably HI~Arts, Comunn na Gaidhlig, and (organisationally closer to HIE), the Community Land and Community Energy Units. These bodies have helped us to deliver a wide spread of development initiatives at very little administration cost (money and bureaucracy) to ourselves and we would commend this kind of regional delivery model to you.

Kind Regards

John Watt
Director
Strengthening Communities Group

07/02/2005

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