

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS MAJOR INVESTMENT IN ARTS AND CULTURE

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Campbelltown City Council has today launched a consultation to ask the Community if they support a major Council investment in a Performing Arts Centre. The consultation seeks feedback on whether the Community support a Performing Arts Centre being built in the Council area as well as whether there is support for a proposal that involves Council partnering with the Department for Education to build a Council Performing Arts Centre at the location of the soon to be built Morialta Secondary College. The centre would include a theatre which can seat up to 500 people, rehearsal spaces and a large underground carpark for patrons.

Campbelltown Council Chief Executive Officer Paul Di Iulio said "Our Community is growing and has expressed a desire for a facility where they can enjoy performances, arts and culture, and also, in some cases, perform themselves. After many years implementing successful major sports facility upgrades, we are excited about the possibility of this investment in arts and culture which would support our vibrant, creative Community whilst also attracting visiting acts, festivals and major performances".

The Council's investment in a centre would be up to \$24 million. The Council says, as it has no borrowings, this investment can be met through existing cash balances.

The unique partnership with the College, which also intends to have its own smaller theatre, means a range of benefits for the Council and the wider Community including first right of access to each other's facilities. Other benefits include that the Council does not need to buy a site, that construction would be complete by mid-2024 and that there is increased Community exposure to the site and project.

Paul Di Iulio said "We are excited about the possibility of partnering with the Department for Education to bring this exciting project to the local Community, whilst meeting the Department's aims for schools to be hubs for the community".

"This is a significant investment for Council so it is important that we hear what the Community think of the proposal, at this early stage."

Members of the public are invited to provide their feedback on the proposal by Monday 24 January. All residents and ratepayers will receive a feedback form in their letterbox or by email. Other interested members of the public are invited to participate by viewing the consultation documents at <https://connect2.campbelltown.sa.gov.au> or at the Council Office, Campbelltown Library and the ARC Campbelltown.

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