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PETITION IN RELATION TO PERTH FRINGE WORLD FESTIVAL

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully applaud the efforts of artist, performers and the organisers in making the Perth Fringe World Festival a cultural "feast" which injects millions of dollars into the local economy. A senior Department of Culture and the Arts official has stated that the Fringe "... thrives when the artists and performers thrive ...". However, the currently used open access model and associated costs for performers has left some performers out of pocket or with no or small income. Artists and supporters are now calling for a fairer deal for Fringe Artists.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council investigate how to make the Perth Fringe World Festival sustainable into the future; including how artist can achieve financial as well as "exposure" rewards for their work not just during Fringe but through a sustainable diverse art and cultural scene across Western Australia.

And your petitions as in duty bound will ever pray.

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