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Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Ellis

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 November 2012 regarding Petition 174 for the Great Southern Institute of Technology Music and Arts Program.

Since the petition was drawn, the Great Southern Institute of Technology (GSIT) has reviewed its profile submission for funding from the Department of Training and Workforce Development to include Art and Music offerings for the Denmark community. As public funding for 2013 has now been approved, GSIT will offer certificates II, III and IV in Visual Arts and Music next year.

GSIT appreciates the importance of creative industries to the community and as such will continue to provide full time qualifications (subject to benchmark enrolments) and part time courses through workshops and seminars. These will be presented by music and art professionals and will enhance the cultural life of the community.

GSIT will add Certificate IV in Business (Music) to its scope of registration in 2013. This course, along with Certificate IV in Arts Administration, will provide local artists and musicians with additional skills to progress in their professional lives.

I am pleased that the funding issues have been satisfactorily resolved prior to the beginning of 2013.

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Enrolments for the proposed offerings will be open in January 2013 and continuing students can register their interest in 2013 courses at the GSIT Denmark campus.

Yours sincerely



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