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Dear Dr Spowart

Thank you for your letter of 6 August 2013 and your words of support for the Queensland Centre for Photography (QCP).

It is pleasing to receive feedback about Queensland Government funded organisations such as QCP. Your comments on the value of government investment in QCP are appreciated. Funding for arts and cultural organisations under the Small to Medium Organisations Program continues to December 2013 when it will be replaced by the triennial Organisations Fund. The assessment of applications to this fund, by industry experts and peers, is underway and I anticipate outcomes will be announced in October 2013.

I am aware that QCP is one of the leading photo-media institutions in Australia, promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of Queensland and Australian photographers and photography nationally and internationally.

The Queensland Government is a substantial investor in the arts and aims, through the Arts for all Queenslanders strategy, to build and develop a resilient arts and cultural sector that celebrates Queensland's unique identity and cultural heritage.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Vera Ding, Director, Art Form Development, Arts Queensland, Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts by email at vera.ding@arts.qld.gov.au or on telephone 07 3034 4050.

Yours sincerely

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