

Submission from individual

Andrew Blanckensee - Choir performer and audience member

Comments relating to the resolution passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2011 (reference part 2 of the motion)

2.a. The best use of the Fitters' Workshop (FW)building

See below. I would support a shared community usage of the FW – with few if any non-movable interior modifications to the FW building.

b. Options for alternative venues for use by a range of community music groups

- As a performer in the 30 person choral group *Canberra Union Voices*-, our group would be very interested in having some rehearsals and certainly performances in this venue. We have performed in the venue in 2010, as part of the opening event for the *National Museum of Labour* (Unions ACT organised this event and can provide more information about other speakers, attendees and performers if needed). As a performer, I found the sound quality in the venue was sublime. I would encourage all members of your committee to **organise and attend one or more performances with A Capella (vocal) and a variety of acoustic music styles- to experience this for yourselves.**
- As an audience member- I have been lucky enough to attend 4 performances as part of the *Canberra International Music Festival* in 2010 and 2011. Again, the sound quality was exquisite and both internationally and locally acclaimed performers and composers including **Peter Sculthorpe, David Pereira** and the **Danish String Quartet, Louise Page and Christina Wilson** were amongst the composers and performers whose work I was able to experience in the FW. I believe all the abovementioned would be prepared to provide supporting evidence about the venue as an outstanding acoustic performance space.

- I would suggest the addition of NO internal non- movable structures inside the existing FW building without exhaustive acoustic testing and advice. I note in the terms of reference, that such expert input is able to be provided to the committee as part of this enquiry process.

c.Options for alternative purpose built accommodation for Megalo Print Studio

Adjacent purpose built accommodation should be built **using the allocated \$3.8 milion**.I support the move to provide appropriate and custom built accommodation for this organisation whom I believe has a proud and quality past , present and future.

d.Any other relevant matter

I support a review and reversal /amendment of the ACT Government decision for exclusive use by Megalo Print Studio in the FW building. I look forward to reading the recommendations of the committee

I am very pleased to have this chance to provide input and can be contacted for clarification as below

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