

The Fun SEPP

This submission is made on behalf of Arts Mid North Coast (AMNC). Arts Mid North Coast is the peak body for arts and cultural development across the Mid North Coast region of New South Wales, a region of over 325,000 residents in six local government areas, including Mid Coast Council. AMNC is an Incorporated Society with a Management Committee of six representatives appointed by the local Councils and six community members with a range of skills and involvement in arts and culture. One of 14 Regional Arts Development Organisations throughout the State this Network plays an important advocacy role for regional issues.

Our Vision for the Region is to ensure the Mid North Coast is a vibrant and diverse region embracing the creation, understanding and appreciation of the arts in fostering economic, community, cultural and environmental opportunities and benefits.

With this focus on art and culture being an important fourth pillar for community development we recognise the important role planning for such matters at all levels of government. We have engaged with the Department of Planning in the last two years by evaluating and making submissions on the development of Regional City Plans for Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. We have found that a very useful and positive process. We fully support and look forward to the Fun SEPP being implemented and then by our Council partners.

In this respect we would argue for some form of monitoring and review process to be implemented say after two years. It would also be useful if the Department was able in the future to showcase some successful examples from the implementation of the new provisions.

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