## PETITION TO WINGECARRIBEE SHIRE COUNCIL

WE THE UNDERSIGNED. PETITION THE COUNCIL TO NOT APPROVE GIVING \$500,000 PER ANNUM FOR THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL GALLERY BY REDUCING COUNCIL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND APPROPRIATING \$94,000 PER ANNUM FROM COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENT FUNDS

## FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 1. The Environment Levy funds should not be used for non-environment projects.
- 2. The salary of the Manager Environment and Sustainability is a core Council function that should not be paid out of the Environment Levy account to free up funding for the Regional Gallery.
- 3. The regional gallery should be treated in the same way as other non-profit community projects in the Shire, i.e. its operation should be self funded through private fund raising and volunteers.
- 4. Alternatively, Council might consider an arts and culture levy, similar to the environment levy.

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