

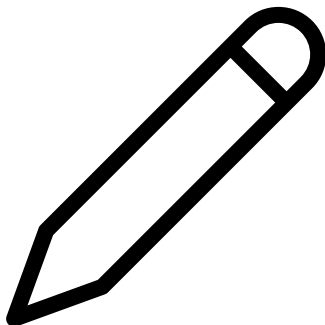
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Online Submission

Jan 23

To:

Thank you for the opportunity to make this online submission to the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan. I am disappointed that, under Goal 1 - Enhancing Community Lifestyles..., there was no mention of the role of the Arts and Cultural activities. While there is a significant membership of voluntary and professional musicians and other performers and audiences, there is a drastic lack of appropriate venues for them to perform in. Similarly, under Goal 2 - Grow and Diversity the Regional Economy, there was no mention of the role of the Arts under small business, or tourism and hospitality. I had to wait till page 30 (32 of the online document) to see the mention of Arts and Entertainment Precinct in Figure 4. I am extremely disappointed in the recent role of the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation in rezoning the site of the former Gosford Public School to allow for a mixture of commercial and community uses. (0031/33). This land was public land, and should be retained as such. The thousands of school and community members who initially protested the demolition of that school expected that it would be the best possible site for the proposed Performing Arts Precinct. As an inaugural member of the Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct, active since 2004, I do not wish to see commercial buildings on that site, but an environmentally sustainable building to house the acoustically appropriate concert hall, and adjacent Conservatorium of Music, with associated studios and amphitheatre, to enhance the tourism and business potential of that magnificent site. I SAY NO TO THE BUILDING OF AN AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE ON PART OF THAT SITE.



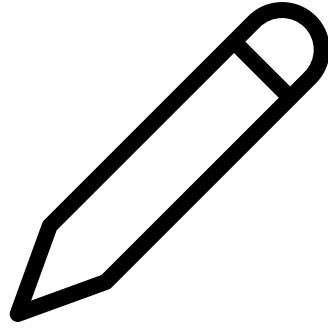
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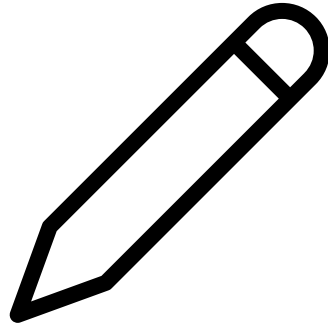
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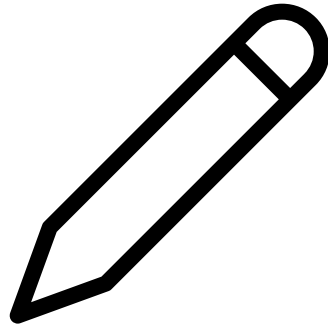
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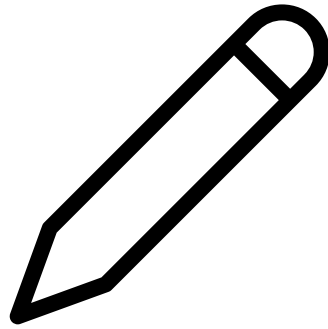
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