

# Next Wave,

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To whom it may concern,

**RE: artsACT – Arts Organisation Investment Program**

I'm the CEO / Executive Director of Next Wave. I am writing in support of Arts Capital in their application to artsACT for the current round of Arts Organisation Investment Program in the Arts Centre Investment funding category. In their role as program producers for Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres, it has been great to see Arts Capital maintain an active role in providing development support and physical space for emerging and mid-career artists within the ACT region.

Next Wave (NW) is an engine room for art making and experimentation, dreaming and doing, exchange and connection. We support artists from across this continent, amplifying ambitious ideas, experimental practice and critical storytelling that reflects the zeitgeist of our times. We present, advocate, develop and collaborate.

With our shared values towards experimental practice and creative risk-taking, it has been a privilege to work closely with Sia Ahmad and Rochelle Whyte in developing a collaborative partnership between Arts Capital and Next Wave to support a locally based participant from our Kickstart program and beginning this in 2022.

This partnership has allowed Delali Zevon-Aniakwah, our 2022 ACT based Kickstart participant to access studios and venues at both Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres for the development of her Next Wave project and engaging in conversation with Sia as a secondary producer. All of this has been provided in-kind support by Arts Capital as part of the Ainslie and Gorman core program.

As CEO and Director of Next Wave, we are deeply invested in continuing our Kickstart partnership for the ACT with Arts Capital in 2023 and 2024 and there is no doubt that a successful Arts Centre Investment application will go towards supporting them with the partnership, but also directly assist with the support of an ACT based artist engaged through the Kickstart program as well.

Through this partnership, we have also witnessed and been invited into the strong artistic community network that Arts Capital has richly fostered. Arts Capital demonstrate their distinguished role of being the home for ACT's artistic community, and they need to be supported to continue to sustain and strengthen the ACT sector.

Should you need any further details or have any questions please contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,



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