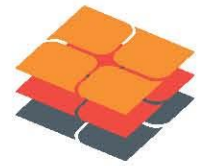


6 December 2017

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THE CONCOURSE

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Dear My Mayor,

I am writing in my capacity as Director of Development for the Century group
www.century.com.au

We are the owners and operators of six performance spaces and complexes including: the historic Enmore Theatre 1912, Metro and Factory Theatres, the Comedy Store, the Manning Centre University of Sydney and The Concourse Performing Arts Centre Chatswood (the second largest in NSW after the Sydney Opera House). In 2015 we purchased the historic Victoria Theatre in Newcastle, the oldest theatre in NSW and one of the country's most significant historic theatre buildings. From the 1980's we have been instrumental in the industry-led campaigns to save the Regent and Capitol Theatres in Sydney and ourselves took charge of the Enmore as a derelict theatre building in 1986 which today is the most successful and busiest heritage theatre building in NSW.

Reinvigorated heritage theatre buildings have been well proven, time and again here and overseas, to be catalysts for urban renewal and their operation has an extraordinary economic multiplier effect to their local economies, in addition to the very real cultural, social and architectural benefits they provide. In a recently updated Economic Impact Study conducted by the University of Technology, the Enmore Theatre resulted in an economic impact over and above theatre ticket sales, of \$38 million in 2016 of additional elective spending to the Newtown Precinct alone.

Mudgee is blessed by having an intact heritage theatre building with a sizable stage and fly tower for live presentation of all genres and cinema capacity. The building is sound and in good order. People however are a key to making these buildings work and benefiting the entire community.

The Concert Hall
1,000 seats

The Theatre
500 seats

The Civic Pavilion
Banquet/
Expo Space

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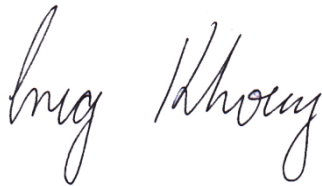
Civic Pavilion | Theatre | Concert Hall
Cnr Victoria Ave & Anderson St, Chatswood

Mudgee requires theatre practitioners of vision and enterprise to make this unique and irreplaceable building come to life for the economic, cultural and social benefit to the community. Once you allow it to go it is gone forever and this is an issue that Sydney laments continually. Melbourne today has 3 times the number of working heritage theatre buildings in the heart of their CBD – all of which are commercially successful and drive the myriad of restaurants, bars, cafes, car-parks, and accommodation hotels and make for the vibrancy of night-time Melbourne.

I strongly urge you to do all in your power to explore every possibility to save the Mudgee Regent and preserve it to once again become a powerhouse to the community and to the local economy.

I would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Khoury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Greg Khoury
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR