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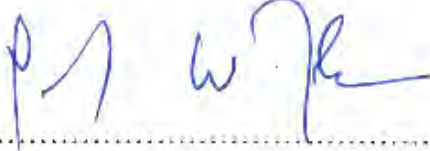
	<b>Australian Government</b> <b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  Regional Development and Communications</b>	<b>Ministerial Submission</b> MS21-000542
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**To:** Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts,  
the Hon Paul Fletcher MP (for decision)

**Subject:** Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund Recommendations – Batch Four

**Critical Date:** Please action by 9 August 2021 to enable timely commencement of projects.

**Recommendations for Minister Fletcher:** That you

1. Approve a commitment of \$40,012,852 (plus GST where applicable) from the \$100 million available in 2021-22 for 82 highly recommended projects at <b>Attachment A</b> .	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved / Not Approved
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3. Note the 161 applications not recommended for funding, and the 32 ineligible applications at <b>Attachment C</b> .	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Noted / Please Discuss
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Minister's Signature: 	
Date: 27/7/2021	
Minister's Comments	Quality Rating
	1. Very Poor 2. Poor 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

**Purpose:**

1. Your approval is sought under section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) to commit \$40,012,852 million for 82 highly recommended projects submitted to the RISE Fund (the Fund) at **Attachment A**. s22

2. A copy of the RISE Fund guidelines, and your responsibilities under the PGPA Act and the Commonwealth Financial Management Framework are outlined at **Attachment E** and **F** respectively.

**Key Issues:**

3. A total of 758 applications were submitted to Batch Four of the Fund. Due to the large volume of applications and need to provide funding to the sector as soon as possible, your office agreed that applications with a start date before 1 October 2021 be prioritised for assessment in this batch. Applications with a start date after 1 October 2021 will be assessed as Batch Five.

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4. Batch Four consisted of 319 applications. 287 applications were deemed eligible, requesting total funding of almost \$145 million. 161 eligible applications not recommended for funding, and 32 applications deemed ineligible against the Fund guidelines, are listed at **Attachment C**.

5. Each application was assessed in accordance with the Fund guidelines by at least two departmental assessors with advice provided by the Australia Council and the Creative Economy Taskforce. **s22**

6. 82 highly recommended projects meet the objectives of the program to a very high degree. Two of these projects are in your electorate and, if you approve these two projects, a letter for you to notify the Minister for Finance is provided at **Attachment D**.

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8. Program information and a summary of this batch is provided under **Additional Information**.

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**Financial Implications**

10. Should you approve the highly recommended projects at **Attachment A**, \$59,987,148 million will remain available for further batches. **s22**

**Background/Issues:**

11. Background information is provided under **Additional Information**.

**Communication/Media Activities:**

12. A draft media release will be provided to your office following your decision.

**Consultation:**

13. Office for the Arts, Australia Council, Creative Economy Taskforce.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Highly Recommended applications

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### Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund - Batch Four

Application ID	Applicant Name	Activity Title	Brief Activity Description	State	Remoteness	Electorate	Total Amount Requested	Total Recommended Funding Amount
<b>Highly Recommended for Funding</b>								

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RISE2099	TEG DAINTY PTY LTD	Guns N' Roses	Iconic rock band, Guns N' Roses back on stage and touring 6 cities across Australia in the first major stadium tour since the COVID-19 outbreak.	VIC	Major Cities Of Australia	Macnamara	\$1,530,700.00	\$750,000.00
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