



HON **Ben Franklin** MLC  
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND NORTHERN NSW

Monday, 17 December 2018

Mr Curly Fernandez  
[curly.bloodfest@gmail.com](mailto:curly.bloodfest@gmail.com)

Dear Mr Fernandez, *Curly,*

It was great to meet with you earlier in the year and to hear about the wonderful work you have done to establish Bloodfest.

I'm delighted to hear you will proceed with the proposed regional workshops in 2019. Please find attached correspondence to the Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin MLC seeking his support for the workshops. I will let you know when I hear back.

I look forward to receiving further updates on the program, and if there is anything further I can assist with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

**Ben Franklin**  
Nationals Member of the Legislative Council  
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The Hon Don Harwin MLC  
Minister for the Arts  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister Harwin, *Ben,*

I write to seek your support for The Bloodfest Film Festival, an arts initiative for young people.

The festival is Australia's first dedicated kid's film festival and aims to introduce, immerse and engage students in the film industry.

To take part, young people are required to create a short film in their version of the horror genre. This provides young people with a safe space to explore the taboo, in what they find frightening and to artfully confront those fears.

The program also provides students with an introduction to the film industry, particularly as they create and develop their own stories, characters and short film.

Each year, a gala event is held during the week of Halloween, where the best short films are screened. The festival has been running for a number of years, and has been growing in success.

The festival team are looking to expand the program to allow more regionally based young people to be involved through regional workshops. The workshops will include classes with students, tutoring for students and professional development for local teachers.

To assist with organising and running these workshops, the Bloodfest coordinators are seeking funding to allow these workshops to go ahead. The attached correspondence provides a breakdown of the associated costs, as well as the Bloodfest program.

I wholeheartedly support Bloodfest and the opportunities it provides for young people in the film industry. Your consideration for funding would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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