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The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer

Dear Treasurer,

Pre Budget submissions

We are seeking funding for an initiative to enable New South Wales' 500 plus museums and galleries to achieve carbon neutrality in their operations.

As you would be aware our time window as a planet to achieve a temperature rise of no more than 1.5°C from pre -industrial levels is fast running out. Every sector of our economy must actively play its part in contributing to the reduction in CO² emissions.

The museum and gallery sector is in a prime position to do this as not only are they willing players but they are also amongst the most trusted of organisations in the community. I have direct experience of this enthusiasm to embrace carbon neutrality both in Australia and internationally through my role as President of IIC (International Institute for Conservation). In this role I recently organised a joint commitment by the leading museum and heritage conservation bodies in the lead up to COP26 in Glasgow last November. This can be viewed at <https://www.iiconservation.org/content/iic-exhibit-live-green-zone-cop26-plus-global-programme>

Working with Museums and Galleries NSW (MG NSW) and colleagues at the Australian Museum (the first museum in Australia to achieve carbon neutrality), our plan is to provide resources and support to all the members of MG NSW to allow them to:

- Build a pathway to achieving carbon neutrality in a time table of their own choosing but no later than 2030
- To publicly commit to this pathway
- To communicate on climate action to their communities

The resources would be in the form of short training modules that would cover issues such as:

- Getting to carbon neutral
- Understanding your carbon footprint
- Purchasing renewable energy
- Procurement and waste
- Working together to advance the Sustainable Development Goals
- Communicating on climate change
- Exhibiting on climate change



We are seeking funding of **\$366,136** to fund a two year position and associated costs at MG NSW to enable this to become a reality. The break down of these costs is detailed below. The funding would go direct to MG NSW with the technical content for the training modules developed pro bono by colleagues in the sector, who have already committed to this.

	2022-23	2023-24	2-year Total
Base Salary	81,900.00	83,947.50	\$ 165,847.50
Leave Loading	1,102.50	1,130.06	\$ 2,232.56
Superannuation	8,599.50	9,234.23	\$ 17,833.73
Travel costs	20,000.00	20,222.00	\$ 40,222.00
Training module Production costs	50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
M&G NSW management	45,000.00	45,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
	\$ 206,602.00	\$ 159,533.79	\$ 366,135.79

While MG NSW undertakes a whole range of training and professional development for the sector, we see the need for a specialist in the carbon neutral/climate field to work closely with the sector to assist organisations navigating their way through a sometimes complex process. Thus we believe a dedicated position for a 2 year period as being essential.

We are sure you will agree that for a relatively small amount of funding the impact of having NSW’s entire museum and gallery sector committed to carbon neutrality would send a very powerful message to the community as a whole.

We look forward to your advice as from where we could seek these funds from the federal Government through the Pre-Budget submissions process.

We trust that we have provided all necessary information; however if you have any queries about this proposal please contact me on 0411 692 697.

Yours sincerely,



Julian Bickersteth
CEO