

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Dear Creative Australia,

I'm writing in support Laura Bishop's application requesting support for her upcoming exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG) from 17 June 2028 - 3 September 2028.

Following her incredibly successful solo exhibition in February 2025 at the Creator Incubator, myself and Head Curator, Kim Blunt invited Laura to deliver a solo exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery. We're both excited to see how her strong conceptual ideas and considered structures will resolve themselves as large scale works within the confines of our historical building.

Laura's practice attracted us for its site specificity and its thoughtful engagement within the surrounding architecture. Laura has now extended this concept for this exhibition to be truly site specific, by encompassing our gallery as a historical site, Maitland's broader history and the contemporary experience and the exponential growth in our city. This is a uniquely Australian story of a regional city and how its built environment has responded to economic and social change.

Laura's solo exhibition supports the objectives of Maitland Regional Art Gallery to provide innovative and engaging exhibitions and dynamic and inclusive cultural programs. It also will continue our ethos of elevating Hunter-based artists on a platform to enable connections with regional audiences.

Based on MRAG's previous attendance figures, we estimate that during the time of Laura's exhibition, her solo exhibition will be experienced by close to 35,000 people.

I fully support Laura's grant application to Creative Australia to assist with the realisation of this important project. This support will enable Laura to exhibit her work in a leading regional art gallery, at its full potential.

Please don't hesitate in contacting me if you have any further questions.

All my best,



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