

Anna McGrath

From: Tim Knapp
Sent: Friday, 16 May 2025 12:34 PM
To: Mitchell Potts; Kate Rogers
Subject: Draft: State Library Black&Write

Importance: High

Hi Mitch/Kate

Please find draft letter below, let me know any queries. I used similar wording to the Q Music letter:

Vicki McDonald AM FALIA
State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer
State Library of Queensland

By email: vicki.McDonald@slq.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms McDonald,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision to award a black&write! Writing Fellowship to author Karen Wyld.

Ms Wyld has previously made public statements expressing sympathy for Hamas, a proscribed terrorist organisation under Australian law. Such comments are incompatible with the values of respect, unity, and inclusion that the State Library of Queensland must uphold.

The Premier and I have been unequivocal in stating that there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland. The Crisafulli Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.

While we respect the right of individuals to express their views, we also acknowledge the importance of ensuring that publicly funded arts venues and programs remain inclusive and focused on celebrating artistic excellence. It is the Government's view that Ms Wyld is not a fit and proper person to receive the award at the State Library of Queensland.

While I support the principles of free expression and creative diversity, publicly funded venues – including the State Library of Queensland – must be held to the highest standards. Any perception that taxpayer-funded awards are being granted to individuals who express views that justify terrorism undermines public confidence in our institutions and the broader cultural sector.

I will continue to work with arts organisations and stakeholders to ensure that the use of our venues aligns with community expectations and remains focused on celebrating artists for their achievements.

Ends.



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From: Lorna McMaster
Sent: Friday, 16 May 2025 5:10 PM
To: Mitchell Potts
Cc: Education
Subject: Lorna to Mitch - black&write! Writing Fellowship
Attachments: Minister Langbroek letter to State Library Queensland.pdf; Letter from Minister Langbroek to State Library Queensland.docx

To, vicki.McDonald@slq.qld.gov.au

Cc, s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest [\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com), education@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Good afternoon Vicki

Please find attached correspondence in relation to the *black&write! Writing Fellowship* as per our recent discussion with you and the Chair of State Library Queensland.

Regards, Lorna

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Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education and the Arts

Copy to: Debra Best, Chair of the Library Board of Queensland – [\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com)

Greg Thomson

From: Mitchell Potts
Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 8:15 AM
To: Greg Thomson; Kate Rogers
Cc: Chanelle Macbeth
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From: State Library Governance <governance@slq.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 10:20 AM
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Cc: State Library Governance
Subject: LBQ-25-113 - Correspondence for Minister Langbroek from Mrs Best regarding outcomes of the 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships
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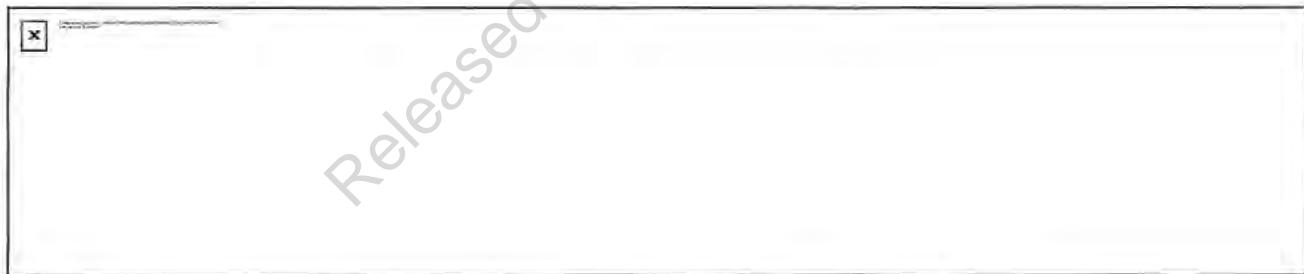
Good morning

Please find attached correspondence for Minister Langbroek from Mrs Best, Library Board Chairperson regarding the 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships.

Thanks.

Regards
Jen

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19 May 2025

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP

Minister for Education and the Arts

arts@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister

On behalf of the Library Board of Queensland and State Librarian and CEO, I would like to thank you for your 16 May 2025 letter raising your concerns regarding the decision to award a black&write! Writing Fellowship to author Karen Wyld.

The challenges faced by governments and cultural institutions in relation to issues of this nature are complex, increasing in frequency and require a nuanced and collaborative response. I thank you for your willingness to engage in a frank and open discussion as State Library has navigated the awarding of the 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships.

Having given much consideration to the matter, the Library Board endorses the decision to award a 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowship to Karen Wyld.

The Library Board is confident that due process has been followed in assessing and awarding the 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships. An independent judging panel has unanimously selected the manuscripts based on their literary merits. These applications comply with all conditions of entry.

The Library Board has some concerns around our compliance with the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) and in particular, the protected attribute of political belief and activity. The current application process does not outline any social media code of conduct or indicate that the personal views of an applicant would be considered as part of the judging process. State Library makes clear in contracts and at events personal views and opinions do not reflect or represent the views or positions of State Library.

The Library Board has committed to a review of the black&write! process in the context of the full suite of awards and fellowships administered by State Library.

We look forward to continuing this important work to strengthen our shared commitment to intellectual freedom, artistic expression, and public trust in our cultural institutions. Should you or your office require any further information, please contact me directly on [REDACTED] or alternatively, Ms Vicki McDonald AM FALIA, State Librarian and CEO on [REDACTED] or email vicki.mcdonald@slq.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Best
Chairperson

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Categories: With Tim

Hi Team,

We received a response back – how would you like me to proceed? 😊

Kind regards

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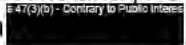
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Mitchell Potts

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Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 1:57 PM
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Cc: Education
Subject: Letter to State Library of Queensland
Attachments: Letter from the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts.pdf

Hi Mitch,

Please see attached for your approval.

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Your sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education and the Arts

From: [Tim Knapp](#)
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Cc: [Kate Rogers](#); [Mitchell Potts](#)
Subject: SLQ Letter
Date: Monday, 19 May 2025 1:52:13 PM
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Attachments: Letter from the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts.pdf

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From: DLO, Minister <Minister.DLO@qed.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 9:28 AM
To: Education
Cc: DLO, Minister; Kate Rogers
Subject: Telephone Message - Hannah - Sydney Morning Herald and The Age

Good morning

Phone call from a journalist named [REDACTED] from the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age in relation to the State Library of Queensland's decision to withdraw the awarding of a fellowship to a writer.

[REDACTED] can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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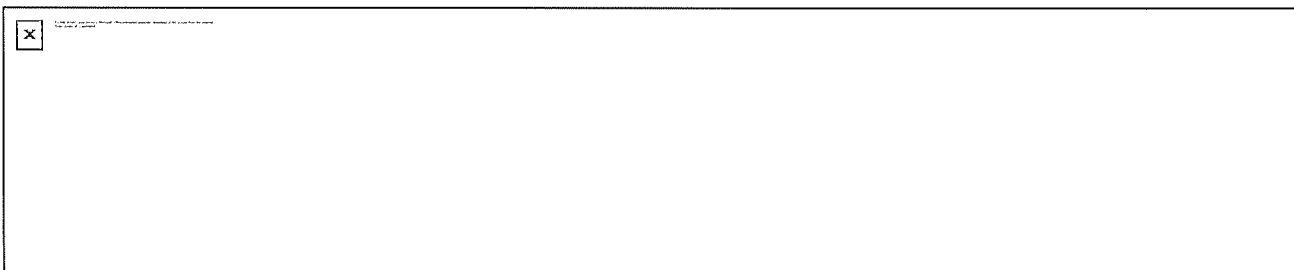
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Hi Tim and Mitch,

This letter came through at 5:36pm yesterday.

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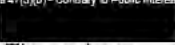
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20 May 2025

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education and the Arts
arts@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister

I refer to your 19 May 2025 letter issuing a direction under s 23 of the *Libraries Act 1998* (Qld) to the Library Board that Ms Wyld not receive the black&write! Writing Fellowship Award (the Direction).

We are mindful to ensure we comply with the Direction issued to address your concerns.

To ensure compliance with the Direction, the Library Board of Queensland took urgent and immediate steps to ensure that Ms Wyld was not awarded the black&write! Writing Fellowship. A decision was also made, in consultation with Arts Queensland, that today's 2025 black&write! Writing Fellowship awards ceremony would not proceed.

We will make arrangements for the 2025 black&write! s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest and other 4 shortlisted applicants to receive their awards in the future.

I confirm we are urgently seeking legal advice on the available options to minimise the risks and damages associated with a failure to comply with the terms of the executed Writing Fellowship Agreement and our partners Creative Australia and University of Queensland Press.

Should you or your office require any further information, please contact me directly on s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest or alternatively, Ms Vicki McDonald AM FALIA, State Librarian and CEO on s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest or email vicki.mcdonald@slq.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Best
Chairperson

Anna McGrath

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 May 2025 2:16 PM
To: Kate Rogers
Cc: AQ ESU; Susan Richer; Peter Callaghan; Tim Knapp; Chanelle Macbeth
Subject: RE: Urgent QLA messaging and background

Hi Kate

Minor update in the below...

Thanks

Celia

From: Celia Reordan
Sent: Wednesday, 7 May 2025 2:12 PM
To: Kate Rogers <kate.rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: AQ ESU <aqesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>; Peter Callaghan <Peter.Callaghan@arts.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <tim.knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Chanelle Macbeth <chanelle.macbeth@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Urgent QLA messaging and background

Hi Kate

See below some messaging and also background as discussed. Happy to review/fact check anything if that helps?

Thanks

Celia

Messaging on QLAs

- Delivered by the State Library and supported by Queensland Government investment through Arts Queensland since 2015, the Queensland Literary Awards celebrate outstanding writers from Queensland and around Australia, across published and unpublished categories. The awards recognise the extraordinary talent of writers at all stages of their career.
- They also offer fellowships and development awards for Queensland writers, and emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders writers nationally.
- The work of the state's writing sector – from page, to stage, to screen - plays a critical role in engaging Queenslanders and supporting life-long learning, sharing powerful narratives that challenge or entertain, and share our unique stories to global audiences.

Background

- Queensland Government funding was withdrawn from the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards (QPLA) in 2012.
- The writing sector independently reestablished the former awards into the Queensland Literary Awards and they were delivered by an independent body in 2012 and 2013 with funding by sponsors, donors and crowd funding.
- Since 2014 the QLAs have been managed by SLQ.
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- SLQ currently receives Arts Queensland funding of up to \$230,000 per annum (2024-2027) to support the Queensland Literary Awards, consisting of the following:
 - \$30,000 for the Queensland Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance
 - \$30,000 for the Queensland Premier's Young Publishers and Writers Awards
 - \$45,000 for the Queensland Writers Fellowships
 - up to \$125,000 in matched funding to match QLA nomination fees, cash sponsorships and donations secured by SLQ.
- State Library contributes \$30,000 per annum towards the Queensland Writers Fellowships Program and provides in-kind support as required to support the delivery of the Program and Queensland Literary Awards.



Celia Reordan

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Department of Education

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TALKING POINTS: LITERARY AWARDS

- Program started in its current form in 2015.
- Showcases outstanding authors from across Australia, celebrating emerging and established authors across a range of genres.
- There are 11 award categories.
- The total prize pool is more than \$260,000.

2025 AWARDS KEY DATES:

- Nominations opened on 3 March and closed on 22 April.
- Shortlists will be announced on 5 August.
- Winners announced on 12 September at the State Library of Queensland.

FUNDING

- The Crisafulli Government currently provides \$230,000 (pa) to the State Library of Queensland to support the Queensland Literary Awards, which includes:
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ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- Queensland Government funding was withdrawn from the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards (QPLA) in 2012.
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- Nominations in each category are assessed by panels of independent expert judges from the literary sector.

- High profile previous winners include Melissa Lucashenko for Edenglassie (University of Queensland Press) and Sarah Holland-Batt for The Jaguar (University of Queensland Press).

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Anna McGrath

From: Peter Callaghan <Peter.Callaghan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2025 2:24 PM
To: Kate Rogers; Chanelle Macbeth; Tim Knapp
Cc: Susan Richer; Celia Reordan; Debbie Turner; Charlotte Beveridge
Subject: FYI - media advisory from State Library

Hi,

Sorry – should have added this to the last one:

FYI on a story likely appearing tomorrow. No interviews - just info, winners' names etc.

Media outlet: National Indigenous Times s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Details: Article 9 May

Spokesperson: N/A

Topic: News item: black&write! Writing Fellowship shortlist announcement

Thanks,



**Queensland
Government**

Pete Callaghan
Communications Manager
Strategy and Programs
Arts Queensland
Department of Education

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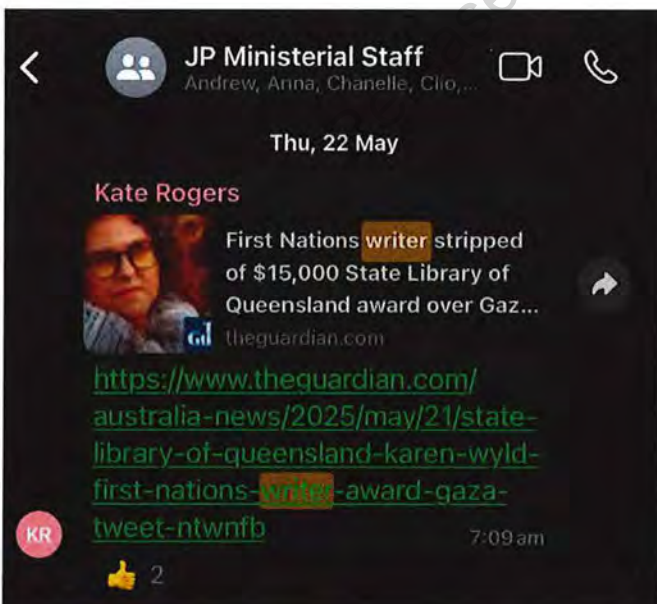
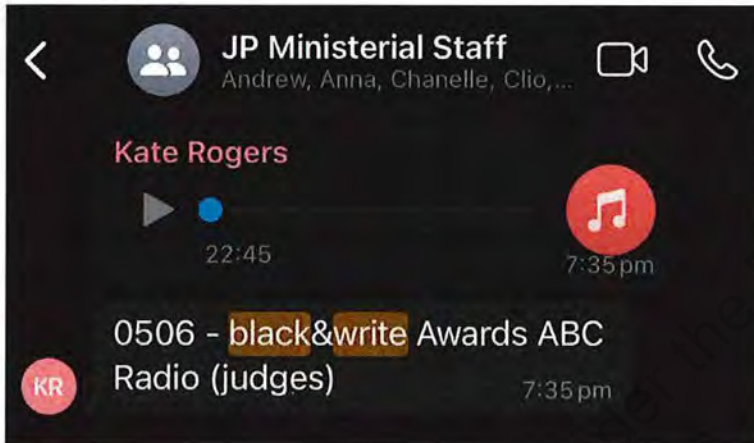
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Anna McGrath

From: Mitchell Potts
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 4:41 PM
To: Kate Rogers; Greg Thomson
Cc: Chanelle Macbeth; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: RE: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

I'm happy with it

From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:38 PM
To: Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Chanelle Macbeth <Chanelle.Macbeth@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Clio Padayachee <Clio.Padayachee@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Hi all,

Just checking we're all happy with the response below?

The journalist has read the Minister's response in parliament and is able to pull quotes, so I have not included a formal statement.

Thanks,
Kate

Hi Walter,

The Minister expressed his concerns to the State Library of Queensland on Friday 16 May.

I believe The Australian's online article includes a photo of the tweet which has since been deleted - <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/calls-for-author-karen-wyld-to-be-stripped-of-queensland-writing-fellowship-over-hamas-martyr-posts/news-story/99932c1e521ba4eb82e5fd6d0d487dff>

The State Library has also released a statement which is available on their website - <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/news-and-media/media-centre/statement-state-librarian-and-ceo-vicki-mcdonald-am>

I would suggest reaching out to the State Library for more information relating to their decision to withdraw the award and how this occurred.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Kate Rogers
Senior Media Advisor
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Minister for Education and the Arts

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest | InReview <editorsa@inreview.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM

To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Good afternoon, Sam from the Minister's office passed on this email address.

I'm a journalist with *InReview* South Australia, and am currently working on a report about the State Library of Queensland's decision to rescind a black&white! Fellowship from one of the 2025 winners, K.A. Ren Wyld.

I've read the minister's comments to Parliament from Tuesday but was wondering if he had any additional statement to make beyond what's been written in *The Australian*?

Here are some questions:

- When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?
- What was the nature of that request or direction?
- The minister's statement in parliament referred to a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?
- Was any right of reply was given to the author in question before being stripped of the award and funding?
- In Parliament the Minister said that the black&write! program "uplifts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers" and "must be protected, strengthened and undermined". Given the awards process was led by a First Nations judging panel, a First Nations-led team, with strong buy-in from the community, were any steps taken to consult with the judges, black&white! team or broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community before overruling the process?

My deadline is 9am tomorrow morning, any additional comment is much appreciated.

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South Australia Editor

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Anna McGrath

From: Kate Rogers
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 4:57 PM
To: Celia Reordan; Greg Thomson; Mitchell Potts; Tim Knapp
Cc: AQ ESU; Peter Callaghan; Susan Richer
Subject: RE: Media responses b&w!

This is clearer – thanks Celia.

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:30 PM
To: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: AQ ESU <agesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Peter Callaghan <Peter.Callaghan@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media responses b&w!

Thanks Kate – the line has been adjusted to read:

K.A. Ren Wyld's manuscript focused on the Stolen Generations and received high praise for its literary merit from the panel of expert judges. The decision to rescind the fellowship was unrelated to her manuscript.

Regards
Celia

From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 4:06 PM
To: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: AQ ESU <agesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Peter Callaghan <Peter.Callaghan@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media responses b&w!

Hi Celia,

All fine except the answer to The Age/ Sydney Morning Herald confirming the decision had nothing to do with the manuscript she submitted.

I would be happy to be stronger on this and confirm the decision had nothing to do with her manuscript.

Thanks,
Kate

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
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Subject: FW: Media responses b&w!
Importance: High

Hi Mitch, Kate, Greg and Tim

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Please advise any queries .

Thanks

Celia

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Attachments: black&write! media responses_AQ.docx

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black&write! Media responses

The Guardian 6.47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

20 May 11:38pm

Hi media team, a story is due to go live this morning re the decision to withdraw Wyld's fellowship, i have included the statement posted by Vicki McDonald yesterday. If she would like to respond to the following allegations made by Wyld in the paragraph below, please respond as soon as you are able. Many thanks.

Wyld says she was ushered into a private room, where the state library's chief executive Vicki McDonald informed her that her scholarship, and a publishing contract that had already been signed by both parties, had been cancelled.

"She wouldn't tell me why or who was doing it...whether it was from the minister or the board," Wyld told the Guardian. "She just said it didn't come from her."

Wyld said she pointed out to McDonald that the withdrawal of the fellowship would add to an already increasingly divisive public debate over the attempt to silence artists' voices over their stance in the Gaza conflict.

McDonald said, words to the effect: "That's a risk we've decided that's worth taking."

Approved Response:

In the Queensland parliament yesterday, Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek stated the Queensland Government had "taken the decision that this award should not be presented at the State Library".

Based on that decision, State Library of Queensland yesterday postponed the black&write! ceremony.

K.A. Ren Wyld, who was due to receive one of the fellowships, was asked to meet with the State Librarian and CEO on Tuesday morning (21 May).

The decision to rescind her fellowship was respectfully communicated to the writer at that time.

Extra questions: received 12:30 pm 21 May

Can you also confirm that yesterday's black&write ceremony has been indefinitely postponed?

The award ceremony will be rescheduled at a date to be determined.

Also the library statement says it is "committed to undertake an independent review of the suite of awards and fellowships we administer". Does this mean the Unaipon award has also been put on hold. What other awards/fellowships will be reviewed?

The David Unaipon award is part of the Queensland Literary Awards. These awards have not been put on hold.

The review will include all awards and fellowships administered by State Library of Queensland including the Queensland Literary Awards and the Queensland Memory Awards.

Also can you confirm that funding for the black&write! comes from Creative Australia and the Copyright Fund?

black&write! is supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund and the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

Crikey enquiry (s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Media Reporter)
21 May

I hope you're well. My name's (s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest) I'm the media reporter at Crikey. I'm getting in touch in respect of the withdrawal of a black&write! Fellowship from Karen Wyld, who I understand was shortlisted for the Fellowship this year. I trust you're familiar with the report in The Australian newspaper in relation to it. To that end, I had a number of questions - I'm working to a midday deadline for our lunchtime edition. If you have any further remarks they are most welcome.

Was The Australian newspaper briefed by the State Library of Queensland on the withdrawal of the Fellowship ahead of Ms Wyld being informed of the rescinding by Vicki McDonald?

State Library follows a Media protocol and did not brief any journalists on the rescinded fellowship before it was discussed with K.A. Ren Wyld.

The decision was respectfully communicated to the writer as a priority.

Who sits on the panel responsible for the shortlisting, awarding and withdrawal of Fellowships?

The black&write! Fellowships were decided by an expert panel of respected judges. The names of judging panels are not released by State Library.

The judges were not involved in rescinding K.A. Ren Wyld's fellowship.

Do any government ministers hold the power to rescind Fellowships by discretion? I understand the Queensland Premier and state Arts Minister has written to the State Library in relation to this matter. Does the Federal Arts Minister have the discretion to rescind awards through the relationship with Creative Australia? Provide detail of the Act – the minister has directive powers

The Library Board of Queensland is "subject to written directions of the Minister in exercising powers".

The Libraries Act 1988 (Qld). Section 23 relates to written directions from the Minister.

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1988-029#sec.23>

The State Library's statement says that "media coverage and commentary today in relation to the personal views of the recommended recipient has overshadowed the intent of the awards." Why was Ms Wyld's Fellowship rescinded?

In the Queensland parliament yesterday (20 May), the Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek confirmed the Queensland Government had "taken the decision that this award should not be presented at the State Library".

Based on that decision, the State Library yesterday morning postponed the black&write! ceremony at State Library of Queensland and rescinded the fellowship to K.A. Ren Wyld.

The Age and Sydney Morning Herald

21 May

I'm a journalist with *The Age and Sydney Morning Herald* and I'm reaching out regarding the recent black&write fellowship which was stripped from Karen Wyld.

I was hoping to chat with someone to confirm the below question re timeline.,,

The State government has confirmed the Arts Minister John-Paul Langbroek wrote to the library on Friday and on Monday to express his concerns about Karen Wyld receiving the award.

Can I confirm the library made the decision to revoke the award on Tuesday morning? Or was it earlier?

In the Queensland parliament yesterday (20 May), Minister Langbroek confirmed the Queensland Government had "taken the decision that this award should not be presented at the State Library".

Based on that decision, State Library yesterday morning postponed the black&write! ceremony and rescinded the fellowship to K.A. Ren Wyld.

My understanding is that Queensland State Library made the decision to revoke the fellowship due to Karen Wyld's social media comments around Gaza and Hamas. Just wanting to confirm it had nothing to do with the content in their novel *Whichway Shimmering Dust* (the manuscript which was nominated for black&write)

In the Queensland parliament yesterday (20 May), the Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek confirmed the Queensland Government had "taken the decision that this award should not be presented at the State Library".

K.A. Ren Wyld did not reference the Gaza conflict in their submitted manuscript. Their manuscript focused on the Stolen Generations and received high praise for its literary merit from the panel of expert judges.

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The Australian newspaper

20 May

I have a few questions regarding the awarding of the black&white! fellowship to author Karen Wyld in light of the Arts Minister writing to the library's CEO over concerns about the recipient's comments in support of Hamas.

Ms Wyld has made a series of social media posts supporting the architect of the October 7 attacks, with one stating: "Vale to the martyr Sinwar. Resisting colonisation until his last breath, fighting the genocidal oppressors like a hero, sacrificing his life for love of his people and ancestral land."

- 1/ How was Karen Wyld selected to receive the fellowship?
- 2/ How much is the fellowship worth?
- 3/ Has Vicki McDonald received the minister's letter and will she responded?
- 4/ Will the minister's letter alter the library's decision?
- 5/ Was the State Library aware of the comments when the Ms Wyld was decided the winner?
- 6/ Does the library and Ms McDonald support by the comments made by Ms Wyld?

Follow-up question

Ms Wyld has said online that the fellowship and prize money has been rescinded. Is this correct?

Response 20 May

Statement from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM

2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships.

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/news-and-media/media-centre/statement-state-librarian-and-ceo-vicki-mcdonald-am>

Anna McGrath

From: John-Paul Langbroek
Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 3:28 PM
To: Education
Subject: Fwd: ABC RADIO INTERVIEW: Teach Rural Career Fair
Attachments: image001.png; 20250523 - Regional Teacher Incentive TPs.docx; 20250521 - Career fair lures top teaching talent to the regions.docx

Categories: With Anna

Best wishes
JPL

Hon JP Langbroek MP
Member for Surfers Paradise
Minister for Education & The Arts

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Date: 23 May 2025 at 4:00:49 pm AEST
Subject: ABC RADIO INTERVIEW: Teach Rural Career Fair

Hi Lorna,

The Minister has agreed to go on ABC Breakfast at 8:20am tomorrow (dial in at 8:15).

Number is [§ 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest] – speaking live to [§ 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest]

Could you please add to his diary? I've attached the media release and TPs too.

Thanks,

Kate Rogers
Senior Media Advisor
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s 73 of the RTI Act - Irrelevant Information

REACTIVE:

Black&write 2025

- The black&write! Writing Fellowships play a pivotal role in amplifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices within Australian literature and it's something I'm so proud to support.
- Unfortunately, this year one of the recipients made public statements supporting the person responsible for the horrific Hamas-led October 7 attacks.
- It is my firm view and I am sure the view of most Queenslanders, that this person should not receive the award in a Queensland Government or State Library of Queensland venue.
- The Premier and I have been unequivocal in stating that there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland.
- The Crisafulli Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.

ENDS

Anna McGrath

From: Kate Rogers
Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 2:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]@theaustralian.com.au
Subject: Exclusive - black&write Fellowship
Attachments: Minister Langbroek letter to State Library Queensland.pdf; State Library of Qld blackwrite! 19 May 2025.pdf

H [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Good to chat with you earlier.

Please find the letters attached exclusively for your story.

As I explained, the Minister is fully supportive of the black&write! Fellowships and everything this program stands for.

The attached letters clearly explain the Minister does not support the recipient or wish to give her a public platform to promote her messages. We also do not support the use of public buildings as a place to promote hate, discrimination, or racism.

Here's a link to The Australian article I referenced too - <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/margin-call/grants-for-supporters-of-exhamas-chief-sinwar-nick-scalis-legal-dramas-far-from-over/news-story/f15ec63299d5e7f5b60af898ef5033cb>

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Thanks,

Kate Rogers
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Debbie Best
Chairperson
State Library of Queensland

By email: governance@slq.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms Best

I write to acknowledge receipt of your communication regarding the decision by the Library Board to award a black&white! Writing Fellowship to author Karen Wyld at the State Library of Queensland.

The black&white! Writing Fellowships play a pivotal role in amplifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices within Australian literature.

As highlighted in my previous letter, Ms Wyld has previously made public statements supporting the person responsible for the horrific Hamas-led October 7 attacks, stating "Vale to the martyr Sinwar" and "Resisting colonisation until his last breath, fighting the genocidal oppressors like a hero, sacrificing his life for love of his people and ancestral land."

It is my firm view and direction under Section 23 of the Libraries Act 1988 and I am sure the view of most Queenslanders, that Ms Wyld should not receive the award in a Queensland Government or State Library of Queensland venue.

Further the Premier and I have been unequivocal in stating that there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland. The Crisafulli Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.

Accordingly, the award should not be presented to Ms Wyld or delivered to her within a publicly funded, state-run venue such as the State Library of Queensland.

It is incumbent upon the Board to ensure that all activities and associations of the State Library reflect community standards and uphold the integrity of the institution.

I expect that the Board will reconsider its decision in light of this direction.

Your sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education and the Arts



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16 May 2025

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Vicki McDonald AM FALIA
State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer
State Library of Queensland

By email: vicki.McDonald@slq.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms McDonald

I write to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision to award a black&write! Writing Fellowship to author Karen Wyld.

Ms Wyld has previously made public statements supporting the person responsible for the horrific Hamas-led October 7 attacks and expressing sympathy for a proscribed terrorist organisation under Australian law.

The statements include, "Vale to the martyr Sinwar," and "Resisting colonisation until his last breath, fighting the genocidal oppressors like a hero, sacrificing his life for love of his people and ancestral land."

Such comments are incompatible with the values of respect, unity, and inclusion that the State Library of Queensland must uphold and providing this individual with a public platform will cause grave distress to our community.

The Premier and I have been unequivocal in stating that there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland. The Crisafulli Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.

While we respect the right of individuals to express their views, we also acknowledge the importance of ensuring that publicly funded arts venues and programs remain inclusive and focused on celebrating artistic excellence. It is the Government's view that Ms Wyld is not a fit and proper person to receive the award at the State Library of Queensland.

While I support the principles of free expression and creative diversity, publicly funded venues – including the State Library of Queensland – must be held to the highest standards. Any perception that taxpayer-funded awards are being granted to individuals who express views that justify terrorism undermines public confidence in our institutions and the broader cultural sector.

I will continue to work with arts organisations and stakeholders to ensure that the use of our venues aligns with community expectations and remains focused on celebrating artists for their achievements.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education and the Arts

Copy to: Debra Best, Chair of the Library Board of Queensland – [647\(3\)\(b\) - Contrary to Pub @gmail.com](mailto:647(3)(b) - Contrary to Pub @gmail.com)

Anna McGrath

From: Kate Rogers
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 5:04 PM
To: editorsa@inreview.com.au
Subject: FW: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Hi [REDACTED] - Contrary to Public Interest

The Minister expressed his concerns to the State Library of Queensland on Friday 16 May.

I believe The Australian's online article includes a photo of the tweet which has since been deleted - <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/calls-for-author-karen-wyld-to-be-stripped-of-queensland-writing-fellowship-over-amas-martyr-posts/news-story/99932c1e521ba4eb82e5fd6d0d487dff>

The State Library has also released a statement which is available on their website - <https://www.slg.qld.gov.au/about/news-and-media/media-centre/statement-state-librarian-and-ceo-vicki-mcdonald-am>

I would suggest reaching out to the State Library for more information relating to their decision to withdraw the award and how this occurred.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Kate Rogers
Senior Media Advisor
Office of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education and the Arts

M [REDACTED] - Contrary to Public Interest E kate.rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au
1 William Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

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From: [REDACTED] - Contrary to Public Interest InReview <editorsa@inreview.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Good afternoon, Sam from the Minister's office passed on this email address.

I'm a journalist with *InReview* South Australia, and am currently working on a report about the State Library of Queensland's decision to rescind a black&white! Fellowship from one of the 2025 winners, K.A. Ren Wyld.

I've read the minister's comments to Parliament from Tuesday but was wondering if he had any additional statement to make beyond what's been written in *The Australian*?

Here are some questions:

- When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?
- What was the nature of that request or direction?
- The minister's statement in parliament referred to a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?
- Was any right of reply was given to the author in question before being stripped of the award and funding?
- In Parliament the Minister said that the black&write! program "uplifts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers" and "must be protected, strengthened and undermined". Given the awards process was led by a First Nations judging panel, a First Nations-led team, with strong buy-in from the community, were any steps taken to consult with the judges, black&white! team or broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community before overruling the process?

My deadline is 9am tomorrow morning, any additional comment is much appreciated.

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South Australia Editor

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 7:14 AM
To: Greg Thomson; Kate Rogers; Chanelle Macbeth
Cc: Education
Subject: FW: Comment request - Withdrawal of 2025 black&write! Fellowship

Hi Team,

We have received the below email. Can I please leave this with you.

Kind regards

Maddie Bartnik

Executive Correspondence Officer

Office of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education and the Arts

P (07) 3719 7288 E maddison.bartnik@ministerial.qld.gov.au
1 William Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

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Government**

From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest@crikey.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Comment request - Withdrawal of 2025 black&write! Fellowship

Hi,

I hope you're well. My name's s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest I'm the media reporter at Crikey. I'm getting in touch in respect of the withdrawal of a black&write! Fellowship from Karen Wyld, who I understand was shortlisted for the Fellowship this year. I trust you're familiar with the [report](#) in The Australian newspaper in relation to it. To that end, I had a number of questions for the Minister - I'm working to a 9am deadline tomorrow morning. If you have any further remarks they are most welcome.

- Was The Australian newspaper briefed by the Minister or the Minister's office on the withdrawal of the Fellowship ahead of Ms Wyld being informed of the rescinding by the State Library?
- Do any government ministers hold the power to rescind Fellowships by discretion? I understand the Minister wrote to the State Library in relation to this matter, as well as the Premier? Did the Minister rescind the award personally? If not, did the Minister pressure the panel or the State Library to rescind the award?
- The State Library's statement says that "media coverage and commentary today in relation to the personal views of the recommended recipient has overshadowed the intent of the awards." Why was Ms Wyld's Fellowship rescinded?
- Does the Minister have a position on the impact of freedom of speech when political pressure impacts arts funding?

Kind regards,

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s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Media Reporter

Mobile: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Email: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest [\[REDACTED\]@crikey.com.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@crikey.com.au)

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From: Greg Thomson
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 1:50 PM
To: Rob Morrison
Cc: @Premiers Media; Chanelle Macbeth; Kate Rogers
Subject: Calls for author Karen Wyld to be stripped of Queensland writing fellowship over Hamas 'martyr' posts

Calls for author Karen Wyld to be stripped of Queensland writing fellowship over Hamas 'martyr' posts

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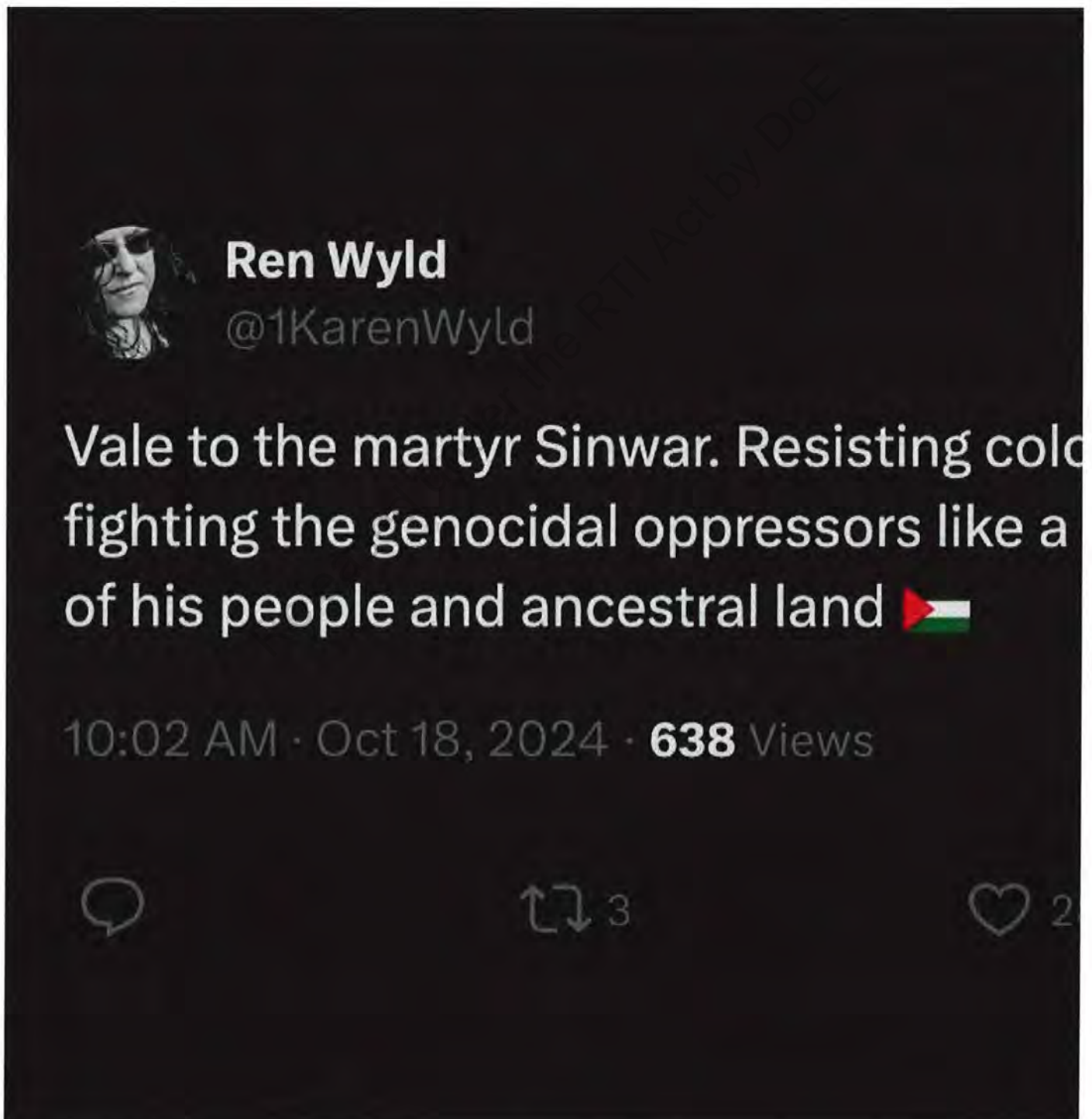
The Queensland government has called for the winner of a prestigious State Library Indigenous writing fellowship, who labelled the Hamas leader behind the October 7 attacks a “martyr”, to be stripped of the taxpayer-funded award.

Author Karen Wyld is one of two female writers set to receive the black & white! Writing Fellowship on Tuesday at a ceremony hosted by the Queensland State Library.

But Arts Minister John-Paul Langbroek has voiced concerns over social media posts made by the Aboriginal author, arguing they do not align with Queensland values by promoting division and hate.

Ms Wyld has made several posts in support of former Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, the architect behind the militant group's October 7, 2023 attacks on Israel, which led to the deaths of hundreds of people and kicked off the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

In the days [following Sinwar's death by Israeli forces last October](#), Ms Wyld wrote: "Vale to the martyr Sinwar. Resisting colonisation until his last breath, fighting the genocidal oppressors like a hero, sacrificing his life for love of his people and ancestral land".



A social media post by author Karen Wyld. Picture: X

She also reposted a “tribute for freedom fighter Yahya Sinwar” by Palestinian American author and activist for freedom Susan Abulhawa.

The black & white! Writing Fellowship carries \$15,000 prize money from federal body, Creative Australia. Judges described Ms Wyld’s work of fiction about the generational impact of forced child removals, *Whichway Shimmering Dust*, as “an ambitious, active work with a lot of heart”.

Mr Langbroek has written to State Library chairwoman Debbie Best and chief executive Vicki McDonald, calling on organisers to strip Ms Wyld of the award as her statements do not align with the values of the institution.

“The Premier and I have been unequivocal in stating that there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including anti-Semitism – in Queensland. The Crisafulli Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement,” Mr Langbroek wrote.

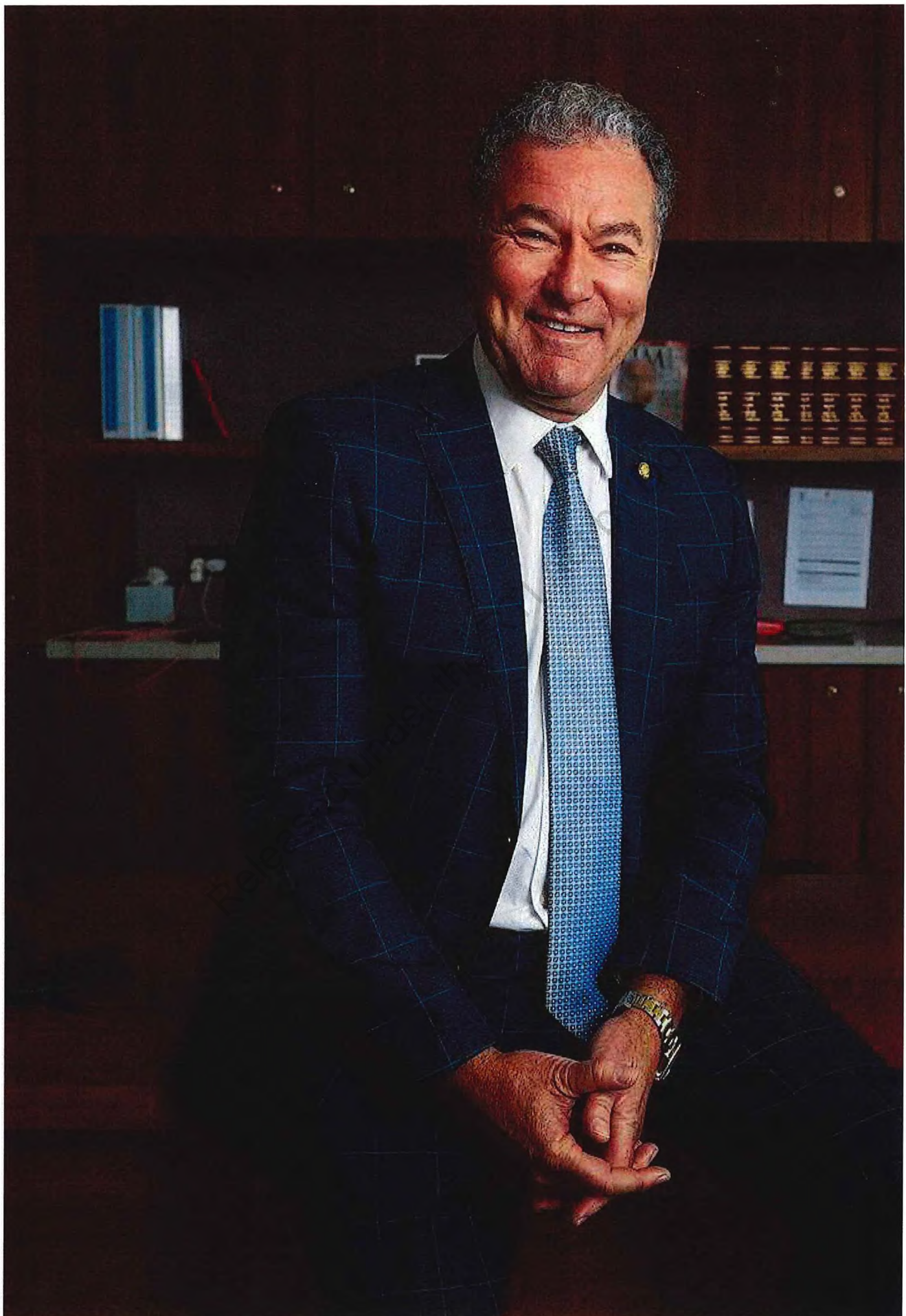
“Accordingly, the award should not be presented to Ms Wyld or delivered to her within a publicly funded, state-run venue such as the State Library of Queensland.”

The State Library and Ms Wyld did not immediately respond to questions from *The Australian*.



State Library CEO Vicki McDonald. Picture: Richard Walker

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Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek. Picture: Adam Head
Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies president Jason Steinberg said organisations must do their due diligence on award nominees before making decisions with government funds.

“It’s deeply troubling for our community, when someone who uses their platform to spread like the inflammatory and divisive rhetoric, particularly against Israel, a Jewish country ... be honoured with public funding,” Mr Steinberg said.

“She’s got form for repeatedly talking about Israel as a genocidal colonial regime. And that crosses the line into harmful vilification.”

The Jewish leader has echoed calls for the award to be revoked.

“We call on the State Library and any public institution not to reward the voices that alienate and target minority groups like ours,” Mr Steinberg said.

“It’s not about free speech, this is about vilification.”

Ms Wyld, a descendant of the Martu people of Western Australia, has written more than a dozen works of fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

Last year, she was awarded the South Australia Literary First Nations Fellowship and 2022 Tangkanungku Pintyanthi Literature Fellowship.



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Anna McGrath

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 5:16 PM
To: Kate Rogers
Subject: Re: Follow up questions from The Guardian - SLQ

Thanks.

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From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 5:08:51 PM
To: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Follow up questions from The Guardian - SLQ

Thanks Celia – I have no issues with the answers below.

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 5:04 PM
To: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Follow up questions from The Guardian - SLQ

Hi Kate

See below.

Thanks
Celia

From: Celia Reordan
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 4:32 PM
To: 'kate.rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au' <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; 'Greg Thomson' <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: 'Mitchell Potts' <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; 'Tim Knapp' <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <agesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Follow up questions from The Guardian - SLQ

Hi Kate and Greg

See SLQ's proposed responses as below:

Looking at it again, it's quite strange. The minister isn't objecting to Wyld getting the fellowship, just receiving it in a government building. Is that a reasonable interpretation of this?

The Library Board of Queensland received a direction from Minister Langbroek. To comply with the direction, the fellowship was not awarded to K. A. Ren Wyld.

Also, I have two judges on the Qld literary awards panels on the record saying why they have resigned. I believe I will have three more by the end of the day. That's a lot of judges. Are you able to confirm how many judges have resigned so far?

We are unable to comment on the QLA judging panel.

Please advise any queries.

Thanks

Celia

From: Celia Reordan

Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 3:19 PM

To: kate.rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <agesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Follow up questions from The Guardian - SLQ

Hi Kate and Greg

SLQ has shared further follow up queries from the Guardian following provision of the specific direction from the Minister and QLA judge resignations:

- Looking at it again, it's quite strange. The minister isn't objecting to Wyld getting the fellowship, just receiving it in a government building. Is that a reasonable interpretation of this?
- Also, I have two judges on the Qld literary awards panels on the record saying why they have resigned. I believe I will have three more by the end of the day. That's a lot of judges. Are you able to confirm how many judges have resigned so far?

SLQ is coming back with their draft response. Happy to discuss.

Thanks

Celia

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Anna McGrath

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 11:55 AM
To: Kate Rogers
Cc: Mitchell Potts; Greg Thomson; Tim Knapp; AQ ESU; Susan Richer; Kirsten Herring
Subject: RE: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Thanks Kate

From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 11:51 AM
To: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <aqesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>; Kirsten Herring <Kirsten.Herring@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Hi Celia,

Appreciate your patience with this one.

I've spoken to the team and looked at the direction given in the letter. Please see below.

"It is my firm view and direction under Section 23 of the Libraries Act 1988 and I am sure the view of most Queenslanders, that Ms Wyld should not receive the award in a Queensland Government or State Library of Queensland venue."

Since the journalist's question directly asks for the written direction, our suggestion would be to use the exact wording in the letter.

I'll leave this with you.

Kind regards,
Kate

From: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <aqesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer <Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>; Kirsten Herring <Kirsten.Herring@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Hi Kate

See updated lines below.

Thanks
Celia

The Guardian

According to the Qld libraries act 1988, <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1988-029#sec.623>

under section 6, Directions by Minister, it says the board is subject to written directions of the Minister in exercising its powers.

Did the library board receive written directions from John-Paul Langbroek to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship before the writer was informed of the decision?

If no, has the board subsequently received written directions from John-Paul Langbroek to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

Draft Response

Yes. the Queensland Government direction advised the State library to not present the award to K.A. Ren Wyld or deliver it to the author within a publicly funded, state-run venue.

InReview – s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?

- On Tuesday Ms McDonald presented K.A. Ren Wyld with a print-out of a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?
- Was the black&white! Judges panel or team consulted at all prior to the decision being made?

Or anything else that might be worth putting on the record.

Draft Response

When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?

On Monday 19 May the Queensland Government wrote to Library Board of Queensland advising to not present the award to K.A. Ren Wyld or deliver it to the author within a publicly funded, state-run venue.

On Tuesday Ms McDonald presented K.A. Ren Wyld with a print-out of a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?

The State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald only discussed the tweets with K.A. Ren Wyld.

Please contact the Minister's Office for details in relation to knowledge of the X post.

Was the black&white! Judges panel or team consulted at all prior to the decision being made?

State Library informed the black&white! judging panel of the Queensland Government's decision as a priority on Tuesday 20 May.

From: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:12 PM

To: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>;

Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <agesu@arts.qld.gov.au>; Susan Richer

<Susan.Richer@arts.qld.gov.au>; Kirsten Herring <Kirsten.Herring@arts.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Hi Celia,

Thanks for this.

My only concern is that the draft responses do not reflect the language used in the Minister's letter.

What is the journalist's deadline? I'm happy to consult with the team and discuss more tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Kate

Sent from my iPhone

On 22 May 2025, at 6:15 pm, Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Mitch, Greg and Tim

SLQ have shared the below media enquiries and proposed responses.

Please advise any queries.

Thanks
Celia

The Guardian

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If no, has the board subsequently received written directions from John-Paul Langbroek to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

Draft Response

Yes. State Library was directed by the Queensland Government to rescind the fellowship to KA Wyld.

InReview s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

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Or anything else that might be worth putting on the record.

Draft Response

When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?

On Monday 19 May the Queensland Government wrote to Library Board of Queensland directing it to rescind the black&write! Fellowship to K A Ren Wyld.

On Tuesday Ms McDonald presented K.A. Ren Wyld with a print-out of a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?

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Tue, 20 May at 10:00 am

Has the author been notified that she has won?

Yep 

Tue, 20 May at 4:33 pm

You'll defs get a response from them. Sorry it's not deadline friendly!



That's alright! I just gently chased too

Tue, 20 May at 5:49 pm

The statement from the library says nothing. Have they actually rescinded the fellowship?

Wed, 21 May at 9:40 am

s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Hi Quick change to your yarn I just saw... it's the black and write festival....not black and white. Many thanks GT

Greg Thomson

From: Mitchell Potts
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 10:07 AM
To: Greg Thomson
Subject: FW: HOLDING LINES: SLQ black&write!

From: Margaret Templeman <Margaret.Templeman@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 9:52 AM
To: Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tim Knapp <Tim.Knapp@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Mitchell Potts <Mitchell.Potts@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Celia Reordan <Celia.Reordan@arts.qld.gov.au>; Kirsten Herring <Kirsten.Herring@arts.qld.gov.au>; AQ ESU <aquesu@arts.qld.gov.au>
Subject: HOLDING LINES: SLQ black&write!

Hi Kate, Tim and Mitch

Key messaging/Holding lines

1. I understand the State Library of Queensland will award one black&write! fellowship this year to **s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest**
s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest,
2. While a second writer was also nominated to receive a fellowship, this will not occur.
3. After consideration of some of the writer's previously made public statements, unrelated to the content of the manuscript, a decision was made not to award a second fellowship.
4. There is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland.
5. The Queensland Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.
6. It is incumbent upon the Board to ensure that all activities and associations of the State Library reflect community standards and uphold the integrity of the institution

BACKGROUND

7. The announcement event for black&write! that was scheduled for today (20 May) in kuril dhagun, however will not proceed, with **s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest** to be presented her fellowship on a rescheduled future date.
8. A second writer Karen Wyld was nominated for a fellowship.
9. Following a direction under Section 23 of the Libraries Act 1988 Minister Langbroek advised SLQ of his strong view that the award should not be presented to Ms Wyld or delivered to her within a publicly funded, state-run venue such as the State Library of Queensland.

10. Ms Wyld has made public statements supporting the person responsible for the horrific Hamas-led October 7 attacks, and issued a direction under Section 23 of the Libraries Act 1988 advising Ms Wyld should not receive the award in a Queensland Government or State Library of Queensland venue.
11. SLQ will contact staff and the Ms Wyld from 10am 20 May 2025 of the decision which may attract public discussion.
12. SLQ staff have been reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations and to not comment publicly on this matter.
13. black&write! is a highly respected national literary project led by State Library of Queensland.
14. Each year, two black&write! Fellowships are offered to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writers. The winners each receive \$15,000, editorial development and a publication opportunity through publishing partner, University of Queensland Press (UQP).
15. The 2025 Fellowships are funded through a grant from Creative Australia, which also provides funding for nominees to attend the announcement event.
16. The State Library does not provide any direct cash to the Fellowships, however, provides in-kind support to administer the competition. The Senior Editor, black&write!, an employee of the State Library, provides editorial advice to the winners and is funded through State Library's administered grant.
17. Support is also provided by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund, which funds the engagement of two black&write! editor interns on a part-time basis.
18. If the manuscript is published, all associated publishing costs are met by UQP.
19. On 30 April 2025, the shortlist was announced online via the State Library webpages and promoted through social media and via electronic newsletters.
20. While manuscripts include authors' names, judges were not provided with any additional information about the authors.
21. The two winners chosen by the judging panel have been notified of the outcome.
22. Due diligence checks were undertaken on shortlisted applicants by the Government Research and Information Library team.
23. Announcement of winners
24. The two winners were to be announced by the State Librarian during an invitation only event at kuril dhagun, State Library of Queensland at 3pm on 20 May 2025. Approximately 80 attendees were expected for the event.

Kind regards
Marg



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Greg Thomson

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Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 1:54 PM
To: Greg Thomson; Kate Rogers; Chanelle Macbeth
Cc: Education
Subject: FW: Media enquiry; black&write! fellowship

Hi Team,

Please see the below email – can I please leave this with you.

Kind regards

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Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Good afternoon, Sam from the Minister's office passed on this email address.

I'm a journalist with *InReview* South Australia, and am currently working on a report about the State Library of Queensland's decision to rescind a black&white! Fellowship from one of the 2025 winners, K.A. Ren Wyld.

I've read the minister's comments to Parliament from Tuesday but was wondering if he had any additional statement to make beyond what's been written in *The Australian*?

Here are some questions:

- When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?
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- Was any right of reply was given to the author in question before being stripped of the award and funding?
- In Parliament the Minister said that the black&write! program "uplifts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers" and "must be protected, strengthened and undermined". Given the awards process was led by a First Nations judging panel, a First Nations-led team, with strong buy-in from the community, were any steps taken to consult with the

judges, black&white team or broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community before overruling the process?

My deadline is 9am tomorrow morning, any additional comment is much appreciated.

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Greg Thomson

From: Greg Thomson
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 10:14 AM
To: Kate Rogers; Chanelle Macbeth
Subject: RE: Comment request - Withdrawal of 2025 black&write! Fellowship

Hi Kate and Chanelle, no further action.

Dept sent response to Crickey yesterday afternoon.

Regards

Greg

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Comment request - Withdrawal of 2025 black&write! Fellowship

Hi,

I hope you're well. My name's [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary I'm the media reporter at Crikey. I'm getting in touch in respect of the withdrawal of a black&write! Fellowship from Karen Wyld, who I understand was shortlisted for the Fellowship this year. I trust you're familiar with the report in The Australian newspaper in relation to it. To that end, I had a number of questions for the Minister - I'm working to a 9am deadline tomorrow morning. If you have any further remarks they are most welcome.

- Was The Australian newspaper briefed by the Minister or the Minister's office on the withdrawal of the Fellowship ahead of Ms Wyld being informed of the rescinding by the State Library?

- Do any government ministers hold the power to rescind Fellowships by discretion? I understand the Minister wrote to the State Library in relation to this matter, as well as the Premier? Did the Minister rescind the award personally? If not, did the Minister pressure the panel or the State Library to rescind the award?
- The State Library's statement says that "media coverage and commentary today in relation to the personal views of the recommended recipient has overshadowed the intent of the awards." Why was Ms Wyld's Fellowship rescinded?
- Does the Minister have a position on the impact of freedom of speech when political pressure impacts arts funding?

Kind regards,

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest @seven.com.au >
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 3:33 PM
To: Kate Rogers
Cc: Greg Thomson
Subject: Re: Black&write Writing Fellowship

Hi Kate and Greg,

Thank you so much,

Hope you are all well


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To: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest @seven.com.au >
Cc: Greg Thomson <Greg.Thomson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Black&write Writing Fellowship

You don't often get email from kate.rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi

Hope you're well.

Greg mentioned you were chasing the letters from Minister Langbroek to the State Library of Queensland – please find attached.

Here's the link of the Minister speaking to the issue in Parliament -
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/vjnbn9pk3ba1nis16bh0r/20250520-Minister-John-Paul-Langbroek-MPI.mp4?rlkey=14v8zuqclgga83pa80dpuoy9u&st=wpc6axjx&dl=0>

Please reach out if there's anything else you need.

Thanks,

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Greg Thomson

From: Greg Thomson
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 3:42 PM
To: Kate Rogers
Cc: Chanelle Macbeth
Subject: RE: Black&write fellowship

Thanks Kate, have we already answered this question in previous correo?

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Subject: Black&write fellowship

Hi Kate,

Did the minister notify the library board in writing prior to saying in parliament the government had told the library to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

If no, has the minister subsequently given written directions to the library board to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

My deadline is 6pm, but give me a call if this is too short notice, thanks.

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To: Mitchell Potts; Greg Thomson; Tim Knapp
Cc: Kate Rogers; AQ ESU; Susan Richer; Kirsten Herring
Subject: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Importance: High

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Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:12 PM
To: Celia Reordan
Cc: Mitchell Potts; Greg Thomson; Tim Knapp; AQ ESU; Susan Richer; Kirsten Herring
Subject: Re: SLQ b&w! media enquiries - The Guardian and InReview

Hi Celia,

Thanks for this.

My only concern is that the draft responses do not reflect the language used in the Minister's letter.

What is the journalist's deadline? I'm happy to consult with the team and discuss more tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Kate

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 10:38 AM
To: Mitchell Potts; Kate Rogers; Greg Thomson; Tim Knapp
Cc: AQ ESU; Susan Richer
Subject: Updated State Library statement on black&write! awards
Attachments: b&w! 2025 statement 22 May_AQ.docx

Importance: High

Hi Mitch, Kate, Greg and Tim

SLQ is suggesting some updates for its statement noting recent media coverage. It could benefit from some reordering of messaging if you are supportive.

Look forward to your views.

Thanks

Celia

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Also advising SLQ has received a query from s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest at The Age and SMH. Will share the SLQ response for Crikey query and this one once received from SLQ.

Regards
Celia

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest <[REDACTED]@theguardian.com>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 6:13 PM
To: Kate Rogers
Subject: Re: Black&write fellowship

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On Thu, 22 May 2025 at 6:06 pm, Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:
Yes in writing.

Kind regards,
Kate
Sent from my iPhone

On 22 May 2025, at 5:21 pm, s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest <[REDACTED]@theguardian.com> wrote:

Thanks Kate, the question is whether the minister's concerns were expressed in writing. Thanks.

On Thu, 22 May 2025 at 16:24, Kate Rogers <Kate.Rogers@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi

The Minister expressed his concerns to the State Library ahead of his speech in Parliament.

I would suggest contacting the State Library directly to find out when they decided to withdraw the fellowship.

Kind regards,

Kate Rogers

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Office of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP

Minister for Education and the Arts

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Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:31 PM
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Subject: Black&write fellowship

Hi Kate,

Did the minister notify the library board in writing prior to saying in parliament the government had told the library to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

If no, has the minister subsequently given written directions to the library board to withdraw Karen Wyld's fellowship?

My deadline is 6pm, but give me a call if this is too short notice, thanks.

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Anna McGrath

From: [REDACTED] InReview <editorsa@inreview.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 10:52 AM
To: Kate Rogers
Subject: Re: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Hi Kate,

Thanks for this, I'm just waiting for some responses from the library now.

Best,

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Sent: 5/22/2025 4:34 PM
Subject: FW: Media enquiry: black&write! fellowship

Hi [REDACTED]

The Minister expressed his concerns to the State Library of Queensland on Friday 16 May.

I believe The Australian's online article includes a photo of the tweet which has since been deleted -
<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/calls-for-author-karen-wyld-to-be-stripped-of-queensland-writing-fellowship-over-hamas-martyr-posts/news-story/99932c1e521ba4eb82e5fd6d0d487dff>

The State Library has also released a statement which is available on their website -
<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/news-and-media/media-centre/statement-state-librarian-and-ceo-vicki-mcdonald-am>

I would suggest reaching out to the State Library for more information relating to their decision to withdraw the award and how this occurred.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Media enquiry: black&white! fellowship

Good afternoon, Sam from the Minister's office passed on this email address.

I'm a journalist with *InReview* South Australia, and am currently working on a report about the State Library of Queensland's decision to rescind a black&white! Fellowship from one of the 2025 winners, K.A. Ren Wyld.

I've read the minister's comments to Parliament from Tuesday but was wondering if he had any additional statement to make beyond what's been written in *The Australian*?

Here are some questions:

- When did the minister and/or the premier write to the State Library of Queensland's management?
- What was the nature of that request or direction?
- The minister's statement in parliament referred to a Tweet which has since been deleted; can your office provide any detail of that Tweet or how it was brought to the minister's attention?
- Was any right of reply was given to the author in question before being stripped of the award and funding?
- In Parliament the Minister said that the black&white! program "uplifts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers" and "must be protected, strengthened and undermined". Given the awards process was led by a First Nations judging panel, a First Nations-led team, with strong buy-in from the community, were any steps taken to consult with the judges, black&white! team or broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community before overruling the process?

My deadline is 9am tomorrow morning, any additional comment is much appreciated.

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Cc: AQ ESU; Kirsten Herring
Subject: SLQ media statement - draft
Attachments: Draft Statement from SLCEO.docx

Hi Mitch, Kate and Tim

See attached SLQ's draft statement provided which I understand they would seek to publish on their website.

I believe there is opportunity for this to be a more focussed response, and can come to you with this shortly.

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Statement from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM

2025 black&write! Writing Fellowships

State Library of Queensland offers inclusive programs and initiatives that support diverse needs, affirm and strengthen individual identities, and foster respect and appreciation of difference.

State Library supports the sharing of knowledge and ideas, within legal limitations, that are essential to a democratic society.

black&write! Fellowships are awarded solely on the literary merit of submitted manuscripts by a highly respected panel of First Nations publishing professionals.

The discussion surrounding one of this year's recommended fellows has escalated significantly.

In this case, the personal views of the recommended recipient are unrelated to the manuscript submitted to black&write! and do not represent a position of State Library of Queensland.

I regret that media coverage and commentary have overshadowed the intent and success of the awards. This situation has had significant impact on the individual artists and people involved.

State Library has committed to undertake a review of the suite of awards and fellowships we administer. Our contemporary world is complicated and the challenges faced by libraries and other cultural institutions are complex, increasing in frequency and require a nuanced and collaborative response. Our review will place a particular focus on how we balance our strong commitment to freedom of expression and our role as a state cultural institution.

For more than decade, black&write Fellowships have encouraged and supported First Nations writers and resulted in fiction and poetry manuscripts edited and developed for publication.

This year's project received a record number of entries.

Background:

black&write! is a groundbreaking national project dedicated to nurturing and empowering First Nations writers and editors through prestigious writing fellowships and editing internships.

The Writing Fellowship program provides two outstanding Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writers with the opportunity to have an unpublished fiction or poetry manuscript edited and developed for publication.

Each Fellowship provides:

- Editorial manuscript development with the black&write! editorial team
- \$15,000 prize money; and
- Publication opportunity with University of Queensland Press (UQP), following completion of manuscript development and acceptance of the final manuscript.

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Cc: AQ ESU; Kirsten Herring
Subject: RE: SLQ media statement - draft
Attachments: Draft Statement from SLCEO (004).docx

Hi Mitch, Kate , Tim and Greg

See attached revised version as per below. Please let me know if you have any queries.

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Celia

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Ok – thanks Celia, we'll await the more focused response.
Mitchell

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Hi Mitch, Kate and Tim

See attached SLQ's draft statement provided which I understand they would seek to publish on their website.

I believe there is opportunity for this to be a more focussed response, and can come to you with this shortly.

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2025 black&write! Fellowships

22 May 2025

For more than a decade, black&write! Fellowships have encouraged and supported First Nations writers and resulted in fiction and poetry manuscripts edited and developed for publication.

This week, a decision was made by the Queensland Government to rescind one of the 2025 black&write! Fellowships, in response to previous public statements made by the writer.

In the [Queensland parliament](#), Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek confirmed the Queensland Government had “taken the decision that this award should not be presented at the State Library”.

State Library of Queensland complied with that decision and postponed the black&write! ceremony and rescinded the fellowship to K.A. Ren Wyld.

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Wed, 21 May at 10:39 am

Hi Kate, it's ^{s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest} from NITV here - are you the right person to contact for questions for the Arts Minister? I'm writing a story for the NITV website about the withdrawal of the fellowship to Karen Wyld from the Black & Write program.

Hi ^{s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest} the Minister spoke about this in parliament yesterday. I'll send you a link to the video.



Thanks.

Wed, 21 May at 3:38 pm

Thanks for that - I still have some
qs. Are you the best person to
email?



Hi [REDACTED] you can email me on
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and please include my colleague
[Greg.thomson@ministerial.qld.gov-
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If the questions are for the State
Library of Queensland, it would be
best to contact them directly.
Thanks.

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Subject: HOLDING LINES - SLQ QLAs judge resignations - 22 May 2025
Attachments: HOLDING LINES - SLQ QLA judges resignations - 22 May 2025.docx

Hi Mitch, Greg and Tim

See attached draft holding lines, and background, to support media enquiry in relation to SLQ's Queensland Literary Awards.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Celia

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DRAFT HOLDING LINES

SLQ QLA judge resignations

Holding lines

- I respect the decision of individuals who have chosen to resign from the Queensland Literary Awards (QLAs) judging panel.
- I note State Library of Queensland (SLQ) has committed to an independent review of its full suite of awards including the QLAs, and I look forward to the outcomes of this review in due course.
- This review will consider the role of the State Library as a Queensland Government funded cultural institution in administering awards while balancing freedom of expression.
- The Queensland Government supports the arts as a platform for creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.
- However, I firmly believe there is no place for hate, discrimination, or racism – including antisemitism – in Queensland.
- It is my expectation that the Board ensures that all activities and associations of the State Library reflect community standards and uphold the integrity of the institution.

Background

- On 22 May 2025 SLQ has advised that three QLA judges, of a total of 35 judges across the award categories, have resigned. There is an expectation there may be further resignations.
- The Queensland Literary Awards started in its current form in 2015.
- Queensland Government funding was withdrawn from the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards (QPLA) in 2012.
- The writing sector re-established the former awards into the Queensland Literary Awards, and they were delivered by an independent body in 2012 and 2013 with funding by sponsors, donors and crowd funding.
- Since 2014 the QLAs have been managed by SLQ.
- Funding through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet was not reinstated, however Arts Queensland provided core funding for the Awards from 2015 including the establishment of two Queensland Premier's Awards categories:
 - the Queensland Premier's Young Publishers and Writers Awards
 - the Queensland Premier's Award for a Published Work of State Significance.
 - Queensland Government also supports the Queensland Writers Fellowships program.

- The QLAs provide fellowships and awards to outstanding Queensland and Australian writers in a range of genres.
- Nominations in each category are assessed by panels of independent expert judges from the literary sector.
- High profile previous winners include Melissa Lucashenko for Edenglassie (University of Queensland Press) and Sarah Holland-Batt for The Jaguar (University of Queensland Press).
- The Awards showcase outstanding authors from across Australia, celebrating emerging and established authors across a range of genres.
- There are 11 award categories.
- The total prize pool is more than \$260,000.

2025 AWARDS KEY DATES:

- Nominations opened on 3 March and closed on 17 April.
- Judging commenced on 6 May and is due to be completed on 14 July.
- The shortlist is planned to be announced on 5 August, with winners planned to be announced on 12 September at the State Library of Queensland.

FUNDING

- The Queensland Government currently provides \$230,000 (pa) to the State Library of Queensland to support the Queensland Literary Awards, which includes:
- \$30,000 for the Queensland Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance.
- \$30,000 for the Queensland Premier's Young Publishers and Writers Awards.
- \$45,000 for the Queensland Writers Fellowships.
- Up to \$125,000 in matched funding to match QLA nomination fees, cash sponsorships and donations secured by SLQ.

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Good afternoon Mitchell

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Regards
Cath

Catherine Howe

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We are gravely concerned that distress will be caused by giving this person a platform including her

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Ends.



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Thanks - noted

I have had a brief chat to Vicki, and will chat to her again on the weekend to discuss her next steps.

Kirsten

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Subject: black&write! Writing Fellowship

Good afternoon Vicki

Please find attached correspondence in relation to the *black&write! Writing Fellowship* as per our recent discussion with you and the Chair of State Library Queensland.

Regards, Lorna

Lorna McMaster

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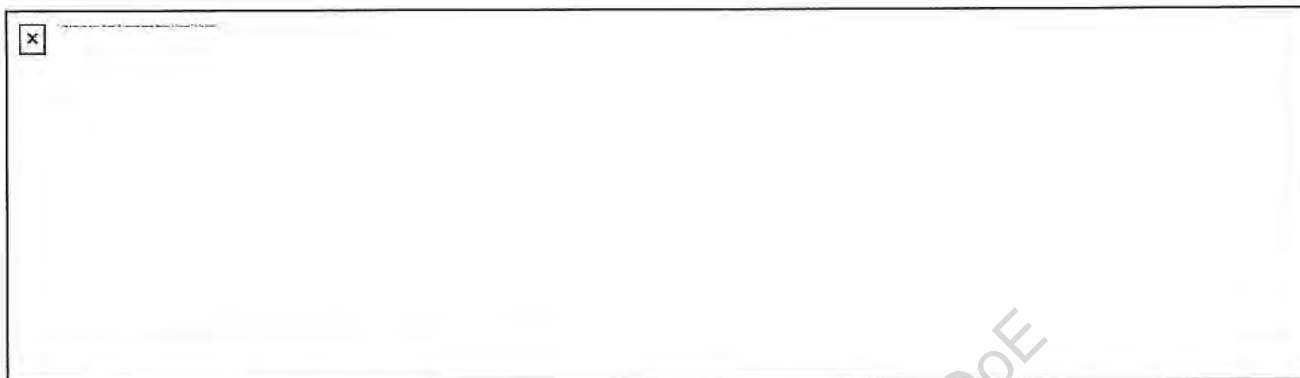
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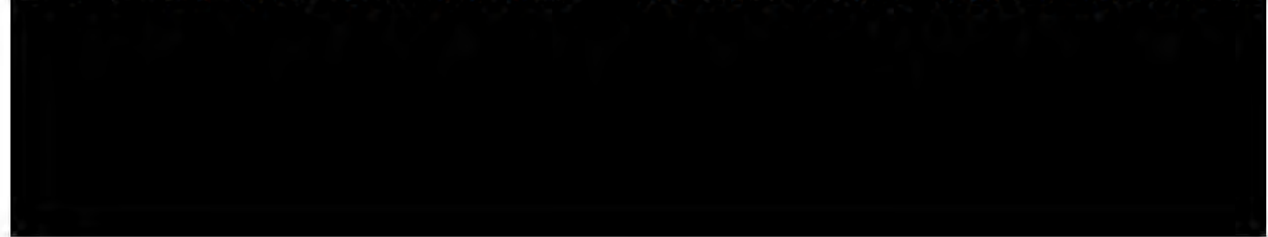
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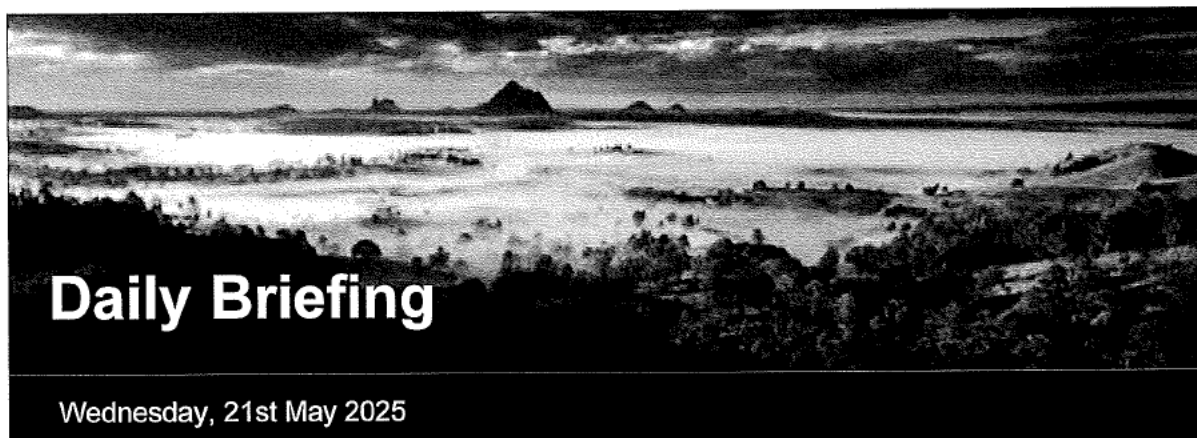
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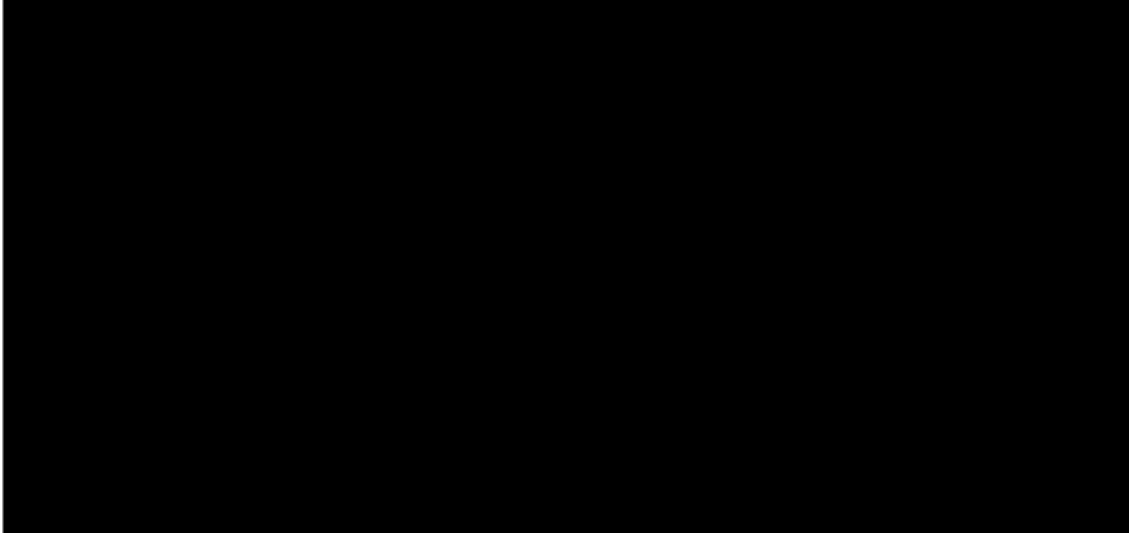
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Subject: Arts media clips - 21 May 2025
Attachments: Arts Media Clips - 21 May 2025.pdf

Good morning,

Here are the Arts media clips for today – Wednesday 21 May 2025

Items of interest:

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- Coverage of author Karen Wyld's black&write fellowship being rescinded by State Library after Gaza and Hamas comments surface – [Courier Mail](#) and [The Australian](#)
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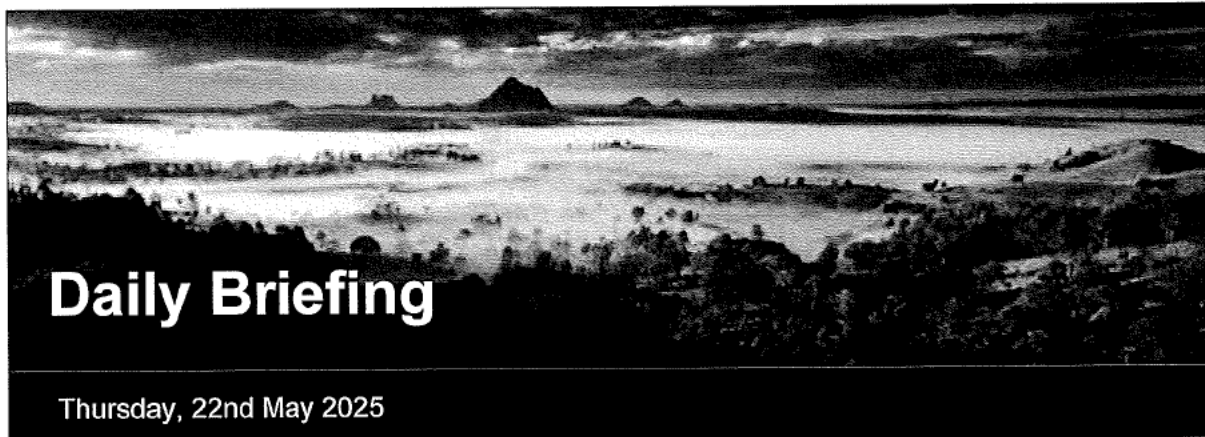
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Subject: Arts media clips - 22 May 2025
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Morning all

Here are the Arts media clips for today, Thursday 22 May.

Items of interest:

- Further coverage of author Karen Wyld's black&write fellowship being rescinded – [The Guardian](#) (syndicated on MSN News and Inkl), [Indigenous Business News](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle](#), [Books and Publishing](#)

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Thanks
Charlotte



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Cc: Debbie Turner
Subject: Arts Media Clips for Friday 23 May 2025
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Morning Everyone,

Here are the top line Arts media clips for today

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Thanks and kind regards ,

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To: Education
Subject: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au

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Would you like a response to your comments?	Yes
Street address	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Town/City	
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Subject	Karen wyld
Comment	<p>I strongly disagree with the withdrawal of the award to author Karen Wyld and agree with her support of the Palestine people who are being obliterated by Israel</p> <p>What is terrorism? Clearly it is exactly what is Occurring in Gaza at the moment. If the deliberate starvation of children is not terrorism what is? We should not be supporting such atrocities. We should be showing empathy and care in this case which is such a one sided crime</p>
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From: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office <Surfers.Paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 3:01 PM
To: Education
Subject: FW: SLQ literary awards

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
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To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Subject: RE: SLQ literary awards

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Dear Mr Langbroek

I write with grave concern at the interference of the state government in the SLQ literary awards. It is disappointing to see author Karen Wyld stripped of her award at the 11th hour. It smacks of McCarthyism for the state government to override the independent decision of the judges and to interfere in these awards.

In case you have forgotten, the last time the Qld state government interfered with the Qld literary awards, it was wildly unpopular. The LNP suffered a spectacular loss when they next went to the polls. Campbell Newman lost the safe seat of Ashgrove and the LNP were consigned to the wilderness.

That decision in 2012 was simply to cut the funding to the literary awards.

Given that this decision in 2025 seeks to muzzle artists for expressing sympathy for the suffering in Palestine, it seems the LNP has not learned the lessons of the past and you have failed to consider the potential political fallout.

I wonder if any of you have considered what the community sentiment may be in regard to Palestine, when we return to the polls in 2028. World leaders in the past week have been doing dramatic 180 turns on their past support for Israel.

By 2028, Netanyahu will have to front the courts in Israel on charges of fraud, and quite possibly for his role in failing to identify the risks that led to the attacks on October 7, 2023. The Israeli newspapers speak openly of how Apache helicopters incinerated hundreds of vehicles that were carrying Israeli citizens, whether through confusion (bad leadership) or due to the 'Hannibal Directive' which Israel has in the past used, to ensure that their own citizens are killed rather than allowing them to become hostages. Members of the IDF have spoken of how it is fanciful to consider that 200 armed militants on dirt bikes could have incinerated all the vehicles and residences that were reduced to burnt out husks on that day.

The ICC will be seeking to prosecute Netanyahu along with members of his cabinet and the IDF for a litany of war crimes. The killer of five year old Hind Rajab - who died waiting for an ambulance, has

been identified and a case is being built to prosecute him. There were 330 bullet holes in her vehicle, despite the Red Crescent being assured of safe passage to rescue her. The killers of Australian Aid worker Zomi Frankcom will also be prosecuted. She too was assured of safe passage. If this trial is making national headlines while your government is seeking re-election, I would not be surprised if you have an even worse score than Campbell Newman when the results come in.

On a global level, it seems unlikely that the USA will continue to support the Israeli settlement/expansion project, given that their president prefers to associate with governments that can bring wealth to the table, and he has very little interest in sustaining a relationship with those that are a political liability and which drain the US coffers.

These are very bad optics. I wonder if you are aware of the stories that are making international headlines. Israeli politicians and military leaders are accused of war crimes. The estimated number of real deaths in Gaza is over 300,000. Because it is impossible to identify displaced people, their bodies crushed beneath the rubble and blown apart by bombs, medics have been counting the dead by placing body parts in plastic bags - each 72 kilo bag is counted as a dead adult. Doctors who worked in Gaza have seen children under five being admitted with gunshots to the head and the chest which indicate that they have been deliberately targeted by snipers. Israeli politicians have been filmed saying that every child in Gaza must die, if they are to win the war. (That will be another ICC arrest warrant). Aid workers, medical workers, universities, schools, hospitals, places of worship, bakeries, food kitchens and water desalination plants have all been targeted and destroyed by the Israeli army. Lawyers are planning to create a war crime called 'Domicide' to provide accountability for regimes that seek to render a city uninhabitable. Only 4% of structures in Gaza have not sustained damage from attacks by Israel.

Karen Wyld was chosen for her work which shines a light on the stolen generations and on the government's inaction to implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report. To punish her for one tweet - which she reconsidered and then deleted - seems ill-considered. This will not reflect well on the world stage. The literary community will take action to ensure that this decision gets international attention. If things transpire that she is given accolades by other states and other nations, and becomes a star at writers festivals all over the globe, your government has only itself to blame for giving in to lobbyists when you could have left well enough alone. A year or two from now, if her work becomes a best-seller, it will be thanks to the actions of the Queensland government and the Murdoch media, propelling her into the spotlight.

Authors and artists have a right to their own political opinions. Australians value our freedom and if the recent federal election has demonstrated anything, it is that mimicking the censorship and oppression of the Trump administration is a sure-fire way to lose an election.

I look forward to reading Karen Wyld's book and to hearing her speak at writers festivals over coming years, and I thank you for your service in ensuring she has a much wider readership, thanks to your ill-considered and draconian actions.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Gaza

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Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 7:35 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: ISSUE: Apologise to Ren Wyld Now

Hi Team,

Please add to the 'Issue' folder for Black&write correspondence.

One set of dot points and response please.

Kind regards

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To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office <Surfers.Paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Apologise to Ren Wyld Now

Hi,

I am writing this email to express my rage and shame at the QLD Government's decision to silence Ren Wyld's rightful protest against the genocide of Palestinians, by refusing to give them their hard earned award for their manuscript.

This act of colonial oppression and censorship is doubly shameful, considering Ren Wyld's proud Bundjalung heritage, as well as the fact their work was selected for the award by a panel of Blak judges. Make no mistake you are carrying on a legacy of white violence in making this decision. White Australia's support of the state of Israel is comparable to supporting Nazi Germany, and it will be remembered as such in the history books. You are going against the majority in supporting genocide here and abroad.

You may um and ah about the falsified sensationalism of " Hamas terrorist beheading of babies", but in Palestine, the UN has reported that 14,000 Palestinian babies, not to mention all other humans and life forms, are set to die of starvation from the manufactured famine caused by Israel in the next few days. You are on the side of the Nazis, and you, John Langbroek, will be remembered as such.

There is time still to make amends, reinstate Ren Wyld's award and apologise to them now. Otherwise, shame on you, you filthy coloniser dog.

With rage,

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Would you like a response to your comments?	Yes

Street address	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
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Subject	K A Ren Wyld the black and write fellowship
Comment	<p>Dear Minister,</p> <p>I am writing today to express my extreme disappointment at your recent intervention in the State Library's black&write! fellowship award.</p> <p>In a free country like Australia, showing support for a people being oppressed should not be conflated, as you suggested, with support for terrorism.</p> <p>This move is transparently a political one, and is denying the meritorious success of a talented First Nations author.</p> <p>I am calling on you to rescind your intervention and restore this award to Ms Wyld as soon as possible.</p> <p>If you will not do this - I ask you to please clarify which specific comments made by Ms Wyld are considered unacceptable to your government, and why they are considered unacceptable.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Int</p>
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Subject	Withdrawal of SLQ Award to Indigenous writer
Comment	<p>Dear Mr Langbroek,</p> <p>I write with shock at the decision, at your behest, to withdraw the black&write \$15,000 award to Indigenous writer Karen Wyld because of her support for Palestine. I am a non-Indigenous person and find this government interference deeply concerning and an indication that democracy in Queensland is diminishing. This has a significant impact on Australian democracy as a whole - this my concern. I respectfully request this award to be fully re-instated.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</p>
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Email	<div>§ 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</div> @gmail.com
Phone	
Would you like a response to your comments?	No

Subject	Karen Wylde's fellowship being rescinded
Comment	<p>I am writing as a resident of Queensland to express my outrage that the office of the Minister for the Arts would take action to rescind an award to a Queensland writer based on their support of Palestine.</p> <p>At this time Australia's lack of action as Palestine is invaded and destroyed is outrageous and Australians should not be targeted or have opportunities taken away from them for speaking up in opposition to the government's current position.</p> <p>I don't need a response but want my opposition to this act to be clearly heard.</p>
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To: Education
Subject: Black and White

Dear Minister

The withdrawal of the fellowship for Karen Wyld for comments regarding Gaza is extraordinary. For decades we denied a genocide here; for decades we pretended this was terra nullius or the aboriginals were simply savage not deserving of life or rights. What aboriginal wouldn't speak out against the genocide in Israel - as undeniable and as despicable as the one that occurred here. The abject and pathetic silence of Australian politicians here shameful, embarrassing. I say this as a Jew. Shame Shame Shame.

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Subject: I stand with Karen Wyld

Dear Minister

I am writing to express my objection to your directive to the State Library of Queensland to rescind the literary award recommendation for author Karen Wyld on the basis of her ongoing criticism of the genocidal attacks upon Palestinian people in Gaza.

I am writing to ask that all State and Federal governments demonstrate deeper understandings of the importance of free speech in a democracy and to also request that the current government uses its influence to protect the Palestinian people of Gaza and stops trying to silence people who are seeking to speak about the atrocities happening there right now.

Please read the following articles and inform yourself about what is happening in Gaza and stop the attempted silencing of talented Aboriginal artists.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/14490854.2025.2495210>

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-05-21/un-warns-babies-could-die-amid-gaza-blockade/105316914?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web

regards

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 7:32 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: ISSUE: Political interference in arts award

Hi Team,

Please add to the 'Issue' folder for Black&write correspondence.

One set of dot points and response please.

Kind regards

Maddie Bartnik

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From: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 6:29 AM
To: Education
Cc: Redcliffe Electorate Office
Subject: Political interference in arts award

I write to protest the Minister's unacceptable interference in a merit based award to Ren Wyld.

Rescinding the award at the last minute (or at all) is:

1. Bad manners
2. Unsupported by the principles underlying the award (ie based on merit of the work)
3. A repressive tactic to shut down a (marginalised) person's voice
4. Use of power-over dynamics for political purposes
4. Disrespectful of Aboriginal people, whose views, informed by their experience of oppression, have been silenced, ignored or punished for generations.

I protest this disgraceful behaviour from the Qld Government.

[REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:00 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: ISSUE: the stripping of Karen Wyld's black&write! fellowship

Hi Team,

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One set of dot points and response please.

Kind regards

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:58 AM
To: Education
Subject: RE: the stripping of Karen Wyld's black&write! fellowship

To Mr Langbroek,

I'm writing to you to express my concerns over the stripping of Karen Wyld's black&write! fellowship on Tuesday. The championing of First Nations voices here in Australia is imperative to the forwards progression of our nation. The existence of awards such as the black&write! fellowship and the David Unaipon award speaks to national interest and investment in First Nations stories and perspectives, which change the lives of recipients, who then change lives by changing minds and touching hearts. To strip Karen Wyld of her award is unjust. You have sent the strong, clear message that you support Israel's ethnic cleansing in Gaza and that you, Minister for Education and the Arts, are not a champion of First Nations voices. I urge you to rethink your decision and readminister Karen Wyld's fellowship and resume the awards ceremony as soon as possible.

Regards,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:11 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M2301 - Black&Write Corro

Hi Team,

I will add all corro going forward under M2301 for this issue.

One set of dot points and one standard response please.

Kind regards

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 12:24 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au 1

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To: Education
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First name	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Family name	
Email	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest @gmail.com
Phone	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Would you like a response to your comments?	Yes
Street address	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Town/City	

State	s.47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Postcode	
Subject	Karen wyld
Comment	<p>I strongly disagree with the withdrawal of the award to author Karen Wyld and agree with her support of the Palestine people who are being obliterated by Israel</p> <p>What is terrorism? Clearly it is exactly what is Occurring in Gaza at the moment. If the deliberate starvation of children is not terrorism what is? We should not be supporting such atrocities. We should be showing empathy and care in this case which is such a one sided crime</p>
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Postcode	
Subject	Decision to rescind Karen Wyld's fellowship
Comment	<p>Your the decision to rescind Karen Wyld's fellowship awarded by the State Library of Queensland is uncivil and arrogant, and not the behaviour we want from our representatives. Your discriminatory and bullying action is bereft of dignity, courtesy and respect, and contravenes the The Liberal Party of Australia's National Code of Conduct (2019).</p> <p>How do you reconcile this behaviour with being a decent human being?</p>
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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 2:02 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au 3

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Would you like a response to your comments?	Yes
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Town/City	

State	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Postcode	
Subject	Artist have a right to an opinion, to punish an artist by withdrawing an award is like Soviet authoritarianism
Comment	<p>It has just come to my attention that that an award about to be presented was withdrawn at the last minute following remarks by Karen Wyld concerning Palestine.</p> <p>This is blatant censorship, of an authoritarian nature, such as what happened under Stalin in Soviet Union</p> <p>Regardless of what the opinion was, Ms Wyld has a right to state it, in a democracy .This is known as Free Speech.</p> <p>Now that the leaders of the UK, Italy, France and Canada have all condemned what Israel is doing in Palestine, how can an Australian government still be trying to suppress similar opinions, and even by withdrawing a well-earned award from a writer who really needs it, and whose published work would enhance Queenslands reputation</p> <p>Queensland risks, once again being seen by the world as a backward ,ignorant state, and a laughing stock to the rest of the world.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</p>
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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 8:47 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au

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No Response Required – for information/department action			<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral to relevant Minister's office/s or other:			<input type="checkbox"/>
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MO Advisor: Tim and Clio			

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 5:29 PM
To: Education
Subject: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au

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Would you like a response to your comments?	Yes
Street address	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
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State	
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Subject	Ren Wyld
Comment	<p>We deserve an explanation.</p> <p>It better be good.</p> <p>I am completely and utterly sick of racist governments beholden to foreign lobby groups.</p> <p>Genocide is not ok. It's vile. It's criminal. And you seem to be complicit.</p> <p>I look forward to your prompt response. Don't leave me waiting too long because I will persist.</p>
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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2025 8:45 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: black&write! fellowship withdrawal from Karen Wyld

M2301

Kind regards

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Education
Cc: cooper@parliament.qld.gov.au
Subject: black&write! fellowship withdrawal from Karen Wyld

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek, MP Minister for the Arts, Queensland Government

Dear Minister Langbroek,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to your government's decision to withdraw the black&write! fellowship from First Nations writer K A Ren Wyld, and the subsequent suspension of the State Library of Queensland's national Indigenous fellowships program.

I do not reside in your constituency, but write to you in your role as Minister for Education and the Arts. I have copied my local MP for their information.

This action represents a troubling departure from the principles of artistic freedom and creative expression that should be fundamental to any democratic society's approach to the arts. The decision to strip Ms Wyld of her \$15,000 fellowship, awarded solely on literary merit for her manuscript documenting seven generations of stolen Indigenous children, based on her personal views expressed on social media is both disproportionate and deeply concerning.

Your intervention demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of both the role of artists in society and misreads the current public sentiment regarding the situation in Gaza. Contrary to your assertion that this decision reflects "community standards," polling consistently shows that a significant portion of the Australian public holds serious concerns about Israel's actions in Gaza and supports calls for ceasefire and accountability. Many now have sympathy with the view that genocide is being committed by Israel in Gaza. It is true that Israel suffered an unprovoked attack

on 07th October 2023. However, the Israeli response has become, in my and many others' opinions, excessive with a disproportionate humanitarian toll. I do not personally agree with referring the the Hamas dead as Martyrs, but I can understand that to supporters, sympathisers and religiously aligned people their deaths has elevated them in status to martyr and not eliminated them. Further, Israel has now been accused of committing genocide by the International Court of Justice, and Benjamin Netanyahu named a war criminal by the International Criminal Court. The Australian government is changing their rhetoric and has been calling on Israel to allow humanitarian aid and commit to a ceasefire. By silencing an Australian Indigenous voice speaking on issues of justice and human rights, your government appears remarkably out of touch with widely held community views, and could be seen as supporting genocide and war crimes.

The timing and manner of this decision, less than five hours before the ceremony, forcing Ms Wyld to learn of the cancellation through a journalist's inquiry, shows a callous disregard for the dignity of the recipient and the integrity of the awards process. This treatment of a First Nations artist, whose work specifically addresses the ongoing injustices faced by Indigenous communities through the Stolen Generations, is particularly troubling.

Furthermore, your characterisation of Ms Wyld's social media posts as "justifying terrorism" appears to be a significant overreach. Artists have historically played crucial roles in commenting on social and political issues, and the ability to express dissenting views, particularly on matters of international concern, should not disqualify them from recognition of their artistic merit.

The suspension of the entire Indigenous fellowships program and the uncertainty now cast over other awards represents collective punishment that will harm emerging First Nations writers and undermine Queensland's cultural landscape. This chilling effect on artistic expression serves no one's interests and damages Queensland's reputation as a place that values diverse voices and creative freedom.

I urge you to:

1. Immediately restore Ms Wyld's fellowship and allow the ceremony to proceed as planned. Sadly many of the judges have now resigned in protest.
2. Reinstate the Indigenous fellowships program without delay
3. Provide clear assurance that future arts funding decisions will not be subject to political interference based on artists' personal views on matters unrelated to their artistic work
4. Issue a public apology to Ms Wyld and the Queensland State Library for the inappropriate manner in which this situation was handled

The arts sector requires independence from political interference to thrive. This action is another of the state government's actions that set a dangerous precedent. This action threatens to transform Queensland's cultural institutions into vehicles for political censorship rather than platforms for artistic excellence and diverse expression.

I trust you will reconsider this decision and take immediate steps to restore confidence in Queensland's commitment to supporting its artists, particularly those from First Nations communities whose voices are essential to our cultural landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 9:05 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: David Unaipon award

M2301

Kind regards

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From: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:03 AM
To: Education
Subject: FW: David Unaipon award

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 8:43 AM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office <Surfers.Paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: David Unaipon award

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Dear Mr Langbroek,

As someone who voted LNP at the last election I would like you to hear my views. I think you should reconsider your decision to strip First Nations writer Karen Wyld of her award, This seems like a bit of over-reach on your part and this does not sit well for me or others in my community. This is looking very Trumpian! As things are fluid at this stage, I imagine you have plenty of time and room to change the narrative for the positive. If you beleive she is a terrorist supporter you will need to convince me and the community with more than a deleted tweet. As you might respect many of us are appalled by the Netanyahu's Government atrocities of starving the civilian people, and this lack of compassion can very reasonably fire people's emotions up. I really hope you can man up do the right thing.

Regards,

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From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 9:05 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
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Subject: M2301: Form Submission - SP Web Enquiry - Ren Wyld's Fellowship

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To: Education
Subject: FW: Form Submission - SP Web Enquiry - Ren Wyld's Fellowship

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Email:

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Phone:

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Subject: Ren Wyld's Fellowship

Message: I want to utterly deplore your actions regarding the rescinding of Ren Wyld's award. & the dimishing effect it could have on her career.

It amounts to punishing yet another Australian artist for speaking out against genocide (ref. Kellee Green).

Ren's application would have presumeably undergone rigorous adjudication & her work should be rewarded on its merits, not be kicked around like a political football.

Shame on you.

But thank you for revealing who you are: a Zionist/fascist/racist. Hopefully now steps can be taken to remove you & your un-Australian agendas from office.

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From: SSQ Complaints and Feedback
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To: Education
Subject: Fwd: Queensland Government Contact Form Ref: 041RW7WW

Good afternoon,

The following complaint has been referred to your department by the Smart Service Queensland email service.

If this is not the appropriate area for this enquiry, please advise our office by return email.

Regards,

Pippa
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To: feedback@smartservice.qld.gov.au

Subject: Queensland Government Contact Form Ref: [REDACTED]

The following has been received by the Queensland Government Contact Form

Reference ID: [REDACTED]

How would you like to be contacted?:
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Full name: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Phone: [REDACTED]

Enquiry details

Type of enquiry:
Complaint

What your feedback relates to?:
Arts Minister John-Paul Langbroek, why was Karen Wyld was stripped of her Black&Write! fellowship?

What happened?:
Arts Minister John-Paul Langbroek, can you explain why Karen Wyld was stripped of her Black&Write! fellowship? Is it true that you & Premier David Crisafulli pressured SLQ to do this based on her criticism of Fascist neo-Nazi Israel's GENOCIDE in Palestine?
https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/may/21/state-library-of-queensland-karen-wyld-first-nations-writer-award-gaza-tweet-ntwnfb?fbclid=IwY2xjawKbekFleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETF4c2pFblgyYURKMDDrNDREAR5iQU4UhDyX8KMhHb0TOHGROwBvTU7OhHex_Nr79kqsQjKFfqUfT6Bi1QYI_Q_aem_zvvTNP80QH_RzuDzcMGdCA

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:25 AM
To: Education ; Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Subject: Regarding the recall of the 2025 Black & Write fellowship

Dear Mr Langbroek,

As a Queensland and passionate supporter of Australian literature I was shocked to read on Tuesday 20 May of the last minute rescinding of author Karen Wyld's Black & Write fellowship only hours before the scheduled presentation. It appears that this directive came from your office after an inflammatory article was published by The Australian that misrepresented a long-deleted tweet of the author. Surely in Australia we live in a society where our government can maintain an arms length approach to the funding of the arts to ensure artistic independence and healthy debate. Even if we don't like what an artist says or the art they produce, it is antithetical to a functioning democracy to silence artists. Doing so smacks of fascism. The Black & Write fellows are selected by an independent panel of experts and Ms Wyld's selection was made on the basis of her manuscript, the subject of which bears no relation to any comments she may have made on social media.

The Black & Write program is a proud achievement of the State Library of Queensland and a mainstay of the Queensland literary community, elevating First Nations voices and providing valuable career pathways. That the program may be in jeopardy because a government is not brave enough to stand up to News Corps agenda to destroy the livelihoods of people who would protest the whole scale murder of children truly stuns me.

Please do better.

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 8:09 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: rescinding of black@write fellowship

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To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: rescinding of black@write fellowship

Dear Minister John-Paul Langbroek

I've just read about the rescinding of the black&write fellowship awarded to Ms K A Ren Wild.

As I understand, the State Library of Queensland rescinded the fellowship and the award ceremony was cancelled just yesterday only hours before the ceremony was to take place. The CEO of the library Ms Vicki McDonald stated the cancellation of the award was due to your interference. You referenced "community standards" in your reason for interfering in this arts award. The overwhelming majority of community standards would support the idea that institutions such as the State Library of Queensland should be independent from government interference.

I presume this quote in the Guardian is correct:

"Whilst I support the principles of free expression and creative diversity, any perception that taxpayer-funded awards being granted to individuals who justify terrorism undermines public trust, both in our institutions and in the cultural sector more broadly"

It is impossible to understand why you would accuse a person of justifying terrorism in a tweet that was quickly deleted and explained as an emotional response to events in Gaza, where tens of thousands of civilians, many of them children, have been killed.

Your action will only elevate this fraught discussion that so many people (especially writers and other artists) have indicated is so important to have. That is the freedom of all of us to say we deplore the killing of innocent women and children.

regards

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 9:22 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: Rescinding of Grant to Karyn Wyld

M2301

Kind regards

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From: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:15 AM
To: Education
Subject: FW: Rescinding of Grant to Karyn Wyld

Issue

From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest <[\[REDACTED\]@hotmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@hotmail.com)>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 12:45 PM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office <Surfers.Paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Rescinding of Grant to Karyn Wyld

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Dear Mr Langbroek,

I am writing to express my anger at what appears to be an incredibly last-minute decision to override the issuance of a grant to Karen Wyld.

She was awarded this grant for the merit of her work. She had flown from her home to formally receive the grant award and recognition of her work, yet on the night she was told she would NOT be given that grant.

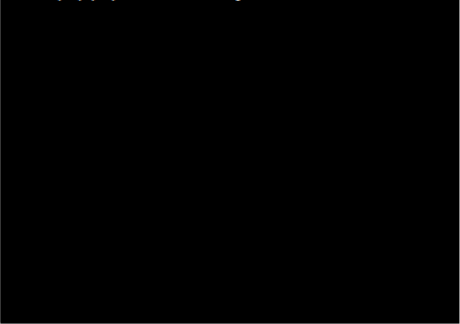
Please explain to me how, when in a highly competitive selection process - where the board of SLQ and who ever the judges were - she can go from being awarded the grant, based on the merit of her work to that grant being rescinded at the very last minute.

What process suddenly rendered that work meritless???

- I am aware that as Minister of Education and Arts you do have the final say.
- Surely the option to not award a grant is normally decided before the grant recipient is notified of their success. And as a consequence would not have received notification of her success.
- Surely the decision to not award the grant is given before the recipient leaves home and takes a flight to receive said grant.

Again I ask, what process during the course of her flight rendered that work meritless?

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From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 3:05 PM
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Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: State Library of QLD Resinding Fellowship

M2301

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:03 PM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office ; Education
Subject: State Library of QLD Resinding Fellowship

Mr Langbroek,

I was extremely distressed to hear your decision to rescind the State Library of Qld black&write! fellowship from author K.A. Ren Wyld. This represents an alarming undermining of freedom of expression and sets a dangerous precedent for artists that opportunities be based, not on merit, but on political ideas and expression. This is double fold given the (non defunded) manuscript had nothing to do with the political beliefs stated by the author. Beliefs, just quietly, that had to do with calling out genocide. Oh no! What a political statement!

Note, that a previous LNP government in 2015 who cancelled literary awards was promptly dumped from their safe seat of Ashgrove.

How very disappointing Mr Langbroek.

Sincerely,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2025 8:45 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: The Rescinding of Ren Wyld's black&write! Fellowship

M2301

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From: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Education
Cc: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Subject: The Rescinding of Ren Wyld's black&write! Fellowship

Dear John-Paul Langbroek,

As a resident of Queensland [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest, I'm writing regarding the recent decision to rescind Ren Wyld's black&write! fellowship.

This decision is a flagrant abuse of authority, and a complete disrespect to the shared solidarity and struggles of Indigenous peoples in resisting their own genocide (both within Australia and abroad in Palestine).

Since October 7th 2023 there has been an acceleration in israel's assaults on Gaza, leading to a recorded death toll in the tens of thousands - although the true number is likely much higher, and remains uncounted due to the destruction of critical Gazan infrastructure by israel. This is to say nothing of the many human rights violations across broader Palestine since the early 1900s, beginning before the Nakba and subsequent establishment of the colonial state of Israel. There has been little-to-no worthwhile response from international leaders, even in the height of israel's atrocities towards the Palestinian people. More generally, leaders the world over have aided and abetted israel's crimes. And specifically, there has been punishment and censorship of those who condemn or resist genocide by leaders such as yourself - however mealy-mouthed. This will be your legacy.

As a local resident, worker connected to the arts communities, and advocate for a free Palestine, I am disgusted by your response to the State Library of QLD's decision, and consider you therefore equally responsible for rescinding Ren Wyld's fellowship. I will ensure my colleagues within the arts industries understand the full weight of your actions, and your tacit support in genocide.

Regards,
[REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 1:13 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: Withdrawal of fellowship to Karen Wild

M2301

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From: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Int
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Premier ; Education
Subject: Withdrawal of fellowship to Karen Wild

Dear Premier, dear Minister,

I write to express my objections to the withdrawal of a Creative Australia fellowship to Karen Wyld. Ms Wyld's ill-advised social media post about the death of a Hamas leader, which she deleted almost immediately after, cannot be a reason for negating the value of her work on the Stolen Generations. Her concerns for Palestinians, being subjected to horrific violence, destruction of their homes, culture, communities and the unutterable grief associated with that and killing of entirely innocent people, should not be discounted, even if very poorly communicated. I disagree with her [deleted] comments about Yahya Sinwar, but I don't think that makes her less worthy as a promising writer. Given Australia's history of dispossession and killing of First Nations peoples, it is not surprising that Ms Wyld has profound empathy for Palestinians who have experienced their own the very long history of displacement, dispossession, discrimination and now "plausible genocide" (as per the ruling by the International Court of Justice) by the state of Israel.

Ms Wyld's ill-advised and immediately disavowed words, compared to the actions of Hamas in October 2023 and the continued destruction of Palestinian life, are really nothing

Have neither or you misspoken? Have neither of you made offensive comments that you wished you'd not? Rather than deny a promising writer and historian the chance of support to pursue her vocation, why not engage her in dialogue and see where you may, in fact, agree and where you can respectfully disagree.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Int

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 2:30 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2301: You are not fit to sharpen Ren Wyld's pencils

M2301

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 2:28 PM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office ; Education
Subject: You are not fit to sharpen Ren Wyld's pencils

The decision to rescind Ren Wyld's black&write fellowship would be hilarious if it weren't so depressing.

The sheer cowardice - to deny someone a prize because you disagree with their politics. And their politics, to be clear, is to oppose the slaughter of children.

You'll have to look your own children in the eye one day and explain to them that you took a stand against a First Nations writer because she dared to speak out against genocide.

As I writer I wouldn't dream of accepting, judging, promoting, attending or even glancing over a media release regarding the Queensland Literary Awards. You've tarred its name forever.

Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 8:48 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2302: 2025 Black & Write Fellowship

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: 647(3)(b) - Contrary to Public
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 5:36 PM
To: Education
Cc: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Subject: 2025 Black & Write Fellowship

Good afternoon,

I am writing with a query in relation to this year's Black & Write Fellowship.

Are you able to provide any comment in relation to allegations which are presently emerging that your office lobbied the State Library and event organisers to reconsider the initial award recipient's appropriateness to receive the award, in light of their pro-Palestinian stance?

If accurate, this would represent a concerning government overreach that naturally has a chilling effect on human rights in the State of Queensland.

I respectfully draw your attention to Section 21 of the Human Rights Act 2019 which provides for the freedom of expression, provides for the protection of even unpopular opinions, and crucially, this right provides that a person should not be coerced into abandoning their opinion.

The removal of Fellowship funding (a significant boon to any artist seeking to make a living from their art) is arguably an attempt to coerce the initial recipient of this year's award into abandoning their opinion.

This is of even greater concern when the voice being silenced in this instance, is a First Nations voice when these voices have long been silenced by government and institutions in this country.

I look forward to receiving a response from you.

Kind Regards,

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From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 8:48 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2303: ATTN John-Paul Langbroek MP, enquiry from cabinet.qld.gov.au

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Family name	
Email	
Phone	
Would you like a response to your comments?	No
Subject	Support for Karen Wyld
Comment	<p>Hi Mr Langbroek,</p> <p>I am writing in support of author Karen Wyld, after reading about her Blak&Write writing fellowship rescindment. The Australian has listed your involvement as a reason behind this last minute change.</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest I have seen Karen speak and read her work. I think she is a very important voice in our literary scene. I also think it is really important for artists, and everyone, to speak out against genocide.</p> <p>The Israeli government has collectively punished the civilian population of Gaza by restricting access to humanitarian supplies and medical aid, inflicting upon these people what has been described as intentional starvation.</p> <p>These actions are war crimes. These actions are genocide.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</p>
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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 8:50 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2305: Reinstate Black&Write Fellowship Award Winner Ren Wyld

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From s 47(3)(b) – Contrary to Public Interest

Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 9:19 PM
To: Education ; SLCEOOffice@slq.qld.gov.au
Subject: Reinstate Black&Write Fellowship Award Winner Ren Wyld

Vicki and John-Paul,

This intervention to remove a Black&Write Fellowship from a worthy recipient, Ren Wyld, as well as to disregard a panel of highly qualified judges is absurd and wrong.

Not to mention leaking it to the Australian Newspaper. Not to mention rescinding it on the day of the awards ceremony.

Ren Wyld speaks truth to power, an Aboriginal person expressing solidarity with Palestinian people, when both groups have and are experiencing genocide, is incredibly important freedom of expression. You are in effect, silencing a marginalised woman for speaking out against Human Rights violations (though John-Paul, I understand you and your Government don't know what those are, considering the UN said your Child incarceration plan was indeed a human rights violation.)

Ren Wyld has a right to political expression. You do not have a right to censor that.

I call for a reinstatement of her fairly earned award, and an apology for undue interference.

Vicki, this is a chance to be brave. Be brave.

Regards,

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Phone	s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Would you like a response to your comments?	No
Subject	Ms Wyld Writing fellowship
Comment	<p>Dear Minister,</p> <p>Unfortunate though it may be for Ms Wyld, I fully support your action of stripping this award from her.</p> <p>She is, of course, entitled to hold the opinions she expressed, but not to express them in the way that she did.</p> <p>Your taking the action you did is a clear message to all to be respectful of others at all times, and especially so when dealing with sensitive, controversial issues.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest</p>
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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 9:24 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2310: Author Karen Wyld stripped of Queensland writing fellowship over Hamas 'martyr' posts | The Australian

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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Subject: M2313: Ren Wyld decision

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Education
Subject: Ren Wyld decision

I'm writing to express my anger that John-Paul Langbroek has used his ministerial power to rescind the Blackwrite Fellowship from Ren Wyld.

The LNP's conflation of pro-Palestine sentiment with anti-Semitism is unconscionable. It is entirely backwards that people who are protesting the slaughter, starvation and maiming of children are labelled as extremists.

By stripping this award from Ren, you are deliberately trying to silence all pro-Palestinian activists and that makes you complicit in genocide.

Reinstate the award to Ren and do some soul-searching as to why you're so committed to facilitating the killing of Muslim children.

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From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:09 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2316: Reinstate Ren Wylds Award

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From: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office ; Education
Subject: Reinstate Ren Wylds Award

Dear Mr Langbroek,

I am writing to express my clear belief that you must immediately reinstate Ren Wyld's Black&Write award, including publication and prize money.

I feel it is an embarrassment on the QLD parliament that you were unable to deliver this news directly to the artist and a shame you put the CEO Vicki McDonald in the position to not only deliver this news to the artist, but also not give any permission to be transparent with the artist what has transpired.

You cannot punish artists for their political views like this.

When I saw you speak at the Matilda awards earlier this year, you spoke about the importance of enriching the arts in QLD, which your actions now do not appear that this is your motivation.

I request you reinstate Ren Wylds award, and make a public statement to justify your actions.

Best,

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which I work and live, and recognise their continuing contribution to land, water and community. I pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:25 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2317: Black and Write fellowship

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Education
Subject: FW: Black and Write fellowship

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest @outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 9:27 PM

To: tony.burke.mp@aph.gov.au; Surfers Paradise Electorate Office <Surfers.Paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Black and Write fellowship

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I strongly disagree with the decision to rescind the Black and write fellowship from Ren Wyld. The arts should not be politicised by doing so you limit the expression of all artists and people in this country. It is hypocritical to say you support freedom of speech and expression while actively engaging in censorship. I stand beside Ren in their staunch support for the people of Palestine, Genocide is genocide. The fellowship should be rightly awarded to Ren based on the merits of their work.

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From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:27 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2318: black&write! Fellowship

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Education
Subject: RE: black&write! Fellowship

To Whom it concerns,

The recent retraction of non-binary Martu author, K.A Ren Wyld's fellowship due to their righteous condemnation of the genocide in Gaza is a best censorship of the arts, but let's be frank. What it truly is is the upholding of white supremacy against Indigenous peoples, a undeniable upholding of colonialism, and an absolute abuse of ministerial power to silence marginalized voices.

Not only must K.A Ren Wyld's fellowship be reinstated, but the minister should issue a full public apology.

The mis-assignment of condemnation of occupation and genocide as "anti-semitic" indicates that the minister must logically believe it is in the Jewish people's nature to murder and ethnically cleanse certain racial groups to seize and occupy their land. Perhaps I have a skewed interpretation of history, but that mindset veers dangerously close to a more historical version of anti-semitism. One that, in fact, was used to commit ethnic cleansing and genocide.

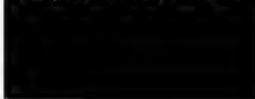
Perhaps you can see my concern here?

Black women/femme/non-binary folk are sick to death of colonial masters silencing our voices and we will no longer tolerate it. The oppression of one of us, is the oppression of all of us, and that is exactly how this situation is being interpreted in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

I hope this email finds the right audience, should it not be forwarded as such, please consider any who fails to pass this message on to the appropriate persons complicit in continued colonial violence.

Regards,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:58 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2319: Regarding the rescinding of Karen Wyld's award

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Education ; Surfers Paradise Electorate Office
Subject: Regarding the rescinding of Karen Wyld's award

Dear Minister John-Paul Langbroek

I'm writing to you in your capacity as arts minister of the state of Queensland, regarding the rescinding of Karen Wyld's awarding of the Black&Write fellowship by the State Library of Queensland.

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It both disappoints and angers me to read that yet another artist in Australia has had a prize award pulled due to their public solidarity with the Palestinian people.

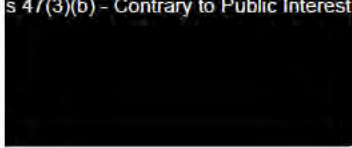
With Amnesty International, the UN Special Committee and an increasing majority of scholarly experts on the topic - including scholars in Israel - agreeing that Israel is committing a genocide in Gaza, solidarity with Palestinians should not be controversial. Palestinians desperately need the support of the Australian people and the Australian nation to condemn Israel's genocidal acts, including the use of starvation as a weapon of war, which at this very moment has put thousands of children on the verge of immediate death. Artists who have the courage to oppose these inhumane acts should be rewarded, not censored.

In any case, ministerial intervention in independent panels awarding artists continues to grow distrust between the public and artists and government and institutions and stifle freedom of expression. This is flagrantly undemocratic. Any minister complicit in these acts of undermining freedom of expression should be profoundly ashamed.

I urge you to intervene in this case of lobby and media interference in due process, reverse the rescinding of Karen Wyld's award, and oppose this and all acts of censorship and intimidation on those who speak truth to power with such courage as Karen Wyld does.

Yours sincerely,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 11:12 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2320: Decision to Rescind Black & Write Fellowship

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:06 AM
To: Education
Subject: Decision to Rescind Black & Write Fellowship

Good morning,

I am writing to express my disbelief at the decision to rescind Karen Wyld's writing fellowship.

This is an awful show of censorship and silencing of a First Nations voice.

Considering the historic, systemic silencing of Aboriginal voices, truth telling and expression, one would think that the government had learnt from National Sorry Day. Sorry means you don't do it again, sorry means you stop perpetuating cultural violence.

Recognition of the genocide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders still occurs to this day. To silence a First Nations Voice about genocide happening on THIS day in another country is abhorrent.

I ask you to reflect, educate yourself, and be reflexive in your actions. Take accountability, apologise and undo this.

Kindly,

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 11:18 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2321: Black and Write Fellowship 2025

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: [REDACTED]@bigpond.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office ; Education
Subject: Black and Write Fellowship 2025

Dear John Langbroek

There's much I could say but I'll be brief!

I am writing to express my utter outrage that the award of this fellowship to Rem Wyld has been rescinded.

The Australian literary community is taking good note of this decision and your role in it will not be forgotten.

I demand that the award be reinstated immediately and that an apology be made to the recipient, as well as to all the others impacted by this blatant disregard of the freedom of not only speech but also artistic expression.

Shame on you!

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Anna McGrath

From: Education
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 2:11 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2329: Highly concerned re KA Ren Wyld's fellowship being rescinded

Categories: Out with Department - Corro

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 1:55 PM
To: Surfers Paradise Electorate Office ; Education
Subject: Highly concerned re KA Ren Wyld's fellowship being rescinded

Good afternoon Mr Langbroek,

I was absolutely appalled to hear about KA Ren Wyld's black&write! fellowship being rescinded, never mind the media being contacted before she had even been told the news.

Censorship of this nature is incredibly dangerous and creates intense division.

I urge you to reinstate Wyld's fellowship with the greatest of urgency and to issue a full apology to them, the judges, the black&write! team and all those affected.

Freedom of expression is enshrined in the Australian constitution and must be protected at all costs to ensure our democracy remains strong. Any attempt to dismantle this and to punish those brave enough to speak out against injustice is abhorrent.

I look forward to your swift response.

Kind regards,

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From: Education
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2025 9:22 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education; Tim Knapp; Clio Padayachee
Subject: M2365: 2025-05-23 Letter to Minister of the Arts, and the CEO SLQ, and 2025-2010 s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Attachments: s 73 of the RTI Act - Irrelevant Information

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From: [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 2:27 PM

To: Education ; Surfers Paradise Electorate Office : SLCEOffice@slq.qld.gov.au

Cc: David Crisafulli [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest [REDACTED] UQ VC OFFICE ; [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

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Subject: Re: 2025-05-23 Letter to Minister of the Arts, and the CEO SLQ, and 2025-2010 [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

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Ms Vicki McDonald
Executive Director,
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State Library of Queensland,
PO Box 3488, South Brisbane Q 4101,
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23 May 2025

Dear Minister, and CEO of the State Library,

Re: **s 73 of the RTI Act - Irrelevant Information** and Decision Making,

I am writing to both of you, because I am concerned for your decision making in the cognition process, **s 47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest** following my reading of Walter Marsh's article in the *InQueensland* (May 23, 2025, attached here May 23, 2025), called, "'Chilling effect': First Nations author denied literary prize over Palestine post".

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Kate Rogers

Fri, 23 May at 11:57 am



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Hi JP, we've just sent out a media
release on the Teach Rural Career Fair
which is being held tomorrow at the
BCEC.

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is filling in on ABC
Breakfast tomorrow and is hoping to
have a live 5-minute chat around
8:20am. Would you like to do it?

Bear in mind, I'm sure he will ask about
black&write while you're on.

Fri, 23 May at 3:24 pm

Sure 👍

