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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the grant application of Tiffany Titshall and Belinda Michael. I am a Wurundjeri artist living on Dja Dja Wurrung Country (The Central Goldfields), where Belinda and Tiffany would like to explore shifting gender paradigms of 'The Goldrush' history through combining their areas of art practice to create something conceptually and artistically new.

I have been living in the Central Goldfields for 6 years and I am currently the director and a founding member of Ngardang Girri Kalat Mimini, which is a Victorian Indigenous women's and trans diverse art collective. I am an active Indigenous leader in the local community and have close relationships with Traditional Owners and other Indigenous arts and culture organisations across the state.

I am extremely familiar with both Belinda and Tiffany's arts practices - which are complementary and rigorous. They are both highly skilled in their areas of expertise (ceramics and drawing) and I have no doubt that the outcomes of their collaboration will result in something unique and remarkable.

They both recognise that there is an Indigenous perspective to the historical narrative they are exploring in this project and are committed to being respectful throughout the process. Tiffany and Belinda have engaged with me to make sure that they act culturally appropriately and with sensitivity when developing the work. I am happy to assist them to make sure that any cultural engagement that occurs in this project meets Indigenous cultural protocols.

As an artist peer, an Indigenous arts worker, curator and Indigenous woman living in the Central Goldfields - I strongly recommend that this project be funded. The Central Goldfields has a thriving arts community, which is often overlooked in competitive funding processes. Belinda and Tiffany are leaders in their own right in this arts community and this project has the capacity to not only lead to an empowered and strong feminist body of new art works from a rural perspective, but will continue to build on the strength of the arts in Central Victoria.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0481290887 or via email blackginart@gmail.com.

Yours Sincerely,

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