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Sydney Eisteddfod presents

 **McDonald's**  
**Performing Arts Challenge**

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Manager  
Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit  
Personal and Retirement Income Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
Parkes ACT 2600

Dear Sir

### **Improving the Integrity of Prescribed Private Funds (PPFs)**

Sydney Eisteddfod presents the annual McDonald's Performing Arts Challenge with the help of arts and education professionals. An independent community based organisation, Sydney Eisteddfod is a non-profit company limited by guarantee. As a registered charity in NSW, it is listed on the federal Register of Cultural Organisations eligible to receive tax-deductible donations.

First held in 1933 and originally known as the City of Sydney Eisteddfod, it is widely regarded as the largest and most successful competitive performing arts festival in the world. Subject to individual event guidelines, it offers classical and contemporary events for budding artists of all ages and types.

It operates with a full time staff of five and relies on the generosity and support it receives from the corporate sector, private citizens and dedicated volunteers to bring the program to life. In particular the philanthropic foundations play a prominent part in funding valuable prizes and scholarships in the Sydney Eisteddfod and it would be most detrimental to this valuable performing arts competition should changes be implemented which discourage the establishment of further foundations in the future.

Sydney Eisteddfod celebrated its 75th Anniversary last year and hopes to continue for a further 75 years and beyond. Annual donations from philanthropic foundations are a necessary element of our survival and I hope that you will take our request into consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ms Piroozi Desai-Keane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Ms Piroozi Desai-Keane  
Chief Executive