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MP for Port Hills



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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I write in support of The Loons Theatre's application for funding to enable them to continue to be able to entertain the communities of Lyttelton and Christchurch.

The Loons Theatre Trust has the opportunity to fit out the new Lyttelton Primary School hall as a 130 seat theatre. This venue will enable The Loons to deliver their full programme of arts education, community events and professional theatre which was interrupted by the 2011 earthquakes. The Loons Trust has a long standing established relationship with Lyttelton Primary School and the new facility will offer amazing opportunities for students.

Those involved in all aspects of The Loons do a wonderful job of entertaining, enlightening and educating. They are sorely missed in the community and we all look forward to the new venue. The Loons is the hub of entertainment for the community in Lyttelton and attracts many visitors. To deliver this, they need a venue.

The initiative of The Loons to run a programme for schools has meant that so many young people are given the opportunity to have a taste of the theatre and now there is an even greater opportunity to bring the professional theatre into education.

The Loons began as an idea, developed to a concept and expanded to provide and become recognised as great recreation. I totally support this application for funding to enable this wonderful organisation to continue to grow and provide fabulous entertainment.

Yours sincerely

Hon Ruth Dyson  
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