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To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for *The Republic of Trees*

I write expressing support for the proposed remount and development of *The Republic Of Trees* at Vaughan Springs Reserve, for the Regional Centre of Culture Program in 2018.

The Republic Of Trees had a sellout season during the Castlemaine State Festival program 2013 and audience engagement and satisfaction was exceptionally high. Presented at the Vaughan Springs Reserve, Dan Mitchell and his team developed *The Republic Of Trees* to both take advantage of and compliment this unique location.

The team assembled for the project was a great balance of local and statewide theatre professionals. *The Republic of Trees* involved the community in a variety of positive ways including casting of extra roles specific to local talent, production and front of house.

The project resonated strongly with a very broad audience and was the 'talk of the town' for many months following the season.

Dan Mitchell has indicated the core of the creative team are keen to take the project to the next stage of development and present again with an eye on further touring and presentation opportunities both statewide and nationally.

It should be noted *The Republic Of Trees* was awarded the George Fairfax New Theatre Award in 2012.

I encourage you to support this original and engaging production and guarantee you will not be disappointed. Do not hesitate to contact me further.

Yours faithfully,



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