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ARROGANT KOSKY BETRAYS VCA PETITIONERS

In another example of the Brumby Government's arrogance towards Victorians, Minister for the Arts Lynne Kosky has betrayed thousands of Victorians by failing to table a petition against the Brumby Government's handling of the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) program, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts Heidi Victoria said today.

Two weeks ago, representatives of the Save the VCA campaign presented a petition signed by 13,564 concerned Victorians calling on the Brumby Government not to change the practical training courses at VCA and to ensure that funding is maintained for these vital training courses.

"In good faith, the Save the VCA representatives presented the petition to the Minister believing she would present it to be tabled in Parliament," Mrs Victoria said.

"Instead, the Minister for the Arts betrayed them, showing her arrogance and complete disregard for important community issue, by allowing the Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson to table the petition.

"This deception is absolutely appalling, and shows a complete lack of understanding of the issue by Lynne Kosky," Mrs Victoria said.

In Parliament today, Mrs Victoria moved that the petition be taken into consideration on the next day of sitting, to ensure it receives the attention it deserves and is not disregarded by an ignorant Minister.

"This is yet another slap in the face for Victorians concerned about the proposed changes to the VCA practical training courses," Mrs Victoria said.

"Clearly the Minister does not understand the importance of the Arts to the Victorian economy, as the proposed reduction in practical training will have a severe impact on the vibrant arts community in this great city."

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