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Dear Premier Berejiklian

On behalf of the dance studio sector in NSW, the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Australia writes in response to comments you made during a press conference on Thursday 28 May 2020 inferring that dance educators were not as qualified as the mainstream teaching profession.

This year the RAD celebrates 100 years of training dance teachers worldwide and 25 years of our Faculty of Education which delivers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate university validated awards and professional awards. Each year our teachers are required to undertake continuing professional development in order to retain their registration with the RAD.

We also recognise the numerous other university and industry qualifications and decades of professional dance and teaching experience our teaching members possess. We consider dance teaching a highly skilled profession.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as a world leading dance education membership organisation, the RAD has been guiding our members with information, resources and opportunities to access additional training and qualifications to support their development as educators, professionals and as small business owners. We continue to work with our national advocacy body for dance, Ausdance to provide our dance studio sector members with a voice and consideration with state and federal government and arts bodies.

We want to clarify that RAD Registered Teachers are qualified professionals and experienced small business owners whom we believe will adhere to government and health advice stringently to ensure that dance studios remain a safe place for Australian dancers of all ages, and also the longevity of their livelihoods.

Yours faithfully



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