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I am saddened to learn of the proposal to merge parts of the National Museum of Wales with Cadw. In my view this would be a detrimental step, diminishing the profile of the Museum, and its constituent parts, nationally and internationally and compromising its ability to generate income in the long term.

How typical that the decisions are being made by a working party emanating from the Cabinet of the Secretary for the Economy and Infrastructure. Is it not time for the Assembly to establish a Secretary for the Arts, Culture and Heritage? In that way the arts and culture in Wales would have the focus, expertise and management it merits rather than being subject to its current fragmentation.

It seems to me that this entire exercise is being driven by the needs of means and resources rather than that of ensuring the long term future of our national heritage.

Sincerely

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