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PolArt 2012: A Perth Proposal withdrawal on Wednesday 21 June 2010, by the current PolArt Preparation Committee

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On 21 July 2010, the existing PolArt Preparation Committee (PPC) in Perth withdrew its proposal to host the 2012 Festival in Perth. This letter was sent to all folkloric dance groups in Australia and New Zealand, as well as to the President and Secretary of the Polish Community Council of Western Australia, and of the Polish Community Council of Australia.

However, this does not mean the 2012 will not take place in Western Australia. The PPC have passed on all further 2012 festival preparations to the Polish Community Council of Western Australia, and the Polish Community Council of Australia.

It is clear that there were miscommunications from the start about the 2012 Festival, even before the PPC in Perth was formed. These miscommunications indicate there are greater issues at hand; namely, the festival governance structure and the way the festival is passed on from state to state.

Those involved in the PPC and initial preparations are still committed to continue local and national efforts to showcase the Polish culture in the broader Australian community.

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