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## Dear Jack

Thank you for your letter of 20 October regarding the preparation of a bid for Wales to compete in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Entries are populated by the main member public service broadcaster of each country. For the UK this is the BBC. The BBC would therefore need to withdraw from being the UK's Eurovision broadcaster before Wales could be allowed to compete in its own right. A devolved government does not mean separate participation.

Creative Wales, as the Welsh Government's internal body which champions the creative industries in Wales including the music sector which is a key priority area, is in the process of developing an industry-led action plan for commercial music and will discuss with the sector the possibility of Wales competing should the situation with the BBC ever change.

Yours sincerely

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