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# Have your say on Australia's next National Cultural Policy: First Nations consultation

The Office for the Arts is inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, cultural practitioners, organisations and communities to take part in consultations on Australia's next National Cultural Policy, to build on the success of [Revive: a place for every story, a story for every place](#). Your feedback will inform the development of the next National Cultural Policy to support our cultural and creative sectors into the future.

## Join a First Nations online forum – Week of 18 May 2026

Four online forums will be held during the week of 18 May 2026 to support participation in the consultation process. The forums will:

- an overview of the National Cultural Policy consultation process
- information about Revive and its 5 pillars
- guidance on preparing a submission
- practical information about how to lodge a submission online
- opportunities to ask questions about the process.

[Register for an online forum](#)

## Who should participate?

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations are welcome to participate in the online forums and make a submission. Contributions are sought from First Nations artists and creatives, Elders and cultural knowledge holders, community-controlled organisations and peak bodies, arts and cultural organisations, language workers and educators, young people and emerging creatives, regional and remote communities, and First Nations people working across media, heritage and creative sectors.

## Make a submission

To make a written submission, complete the [online form](#) and either write a statement of up to 500 words or upload your submission document (preferred formats are Word or PDF).

If you would prefer to contact the Office for the Arts directly, ask questions about the process or submit your views in a different format, please email [culturalpolicy@arts.gov.au](mailto:culturalpolicy@arts.gov.au) or call us on 1800 248 025 during standard business hours. A fillable Easy Read version of the submission form is available upon request.

You can read the [public consultation paper](#) (also available in [Easy Read](#) and [Auslan](#)) and [find out more about how to make a submission](#).

## First Nations actions delivered under Revive

Key actions that have been delivered since the release of Revive include:

- establishment of the First Nations Board within Creative Australia
- response to the Productivity Commission's study report into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual arts and crafts market
- continued support for First Nations languages and arts, under the Indigenous Languages and Arts program
- continued investment in First Nations art centres, as well as pivotal sector organisations, through the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program
- continued work seeking the voluntary and unconditional return of First Nations ancestors and cultural heritage material held overseas and domestically.

## More information

- To find out more about the National Cultural Policy First Nations consultation, visit [www.arts.gov.au/firstnations-ncp](http://www.arts.gov.au/firstnations-ncp).
- [Register for an online forum](#)
- To find out more about the National Cultural Policy consultation and how to make a submission, visit [www.arts.gov.au/culturalpolicy](http://www.arts.gov.au/culturalpolicy).

## Contact us

- Email: [culturalpolicy@arts.gov.au](mailto:culturalpolicy@arts.gov.au)
- Call: 1800 248 025 during standard business hours (AEST)

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