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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a community visitor and an NDIS participant living in Wollert, Melbourne. I attended and participated in day programs and recreational outings at BDS Support Services in Broadmeadows from 2015 to 2023, and with My Choice Support Network since 2023.

The significant success of arts and culture, supported by funding from the Federal Government, has contributed to the inclusion of key community services approved in the 2026–27 financial year.

As part of these inclusive community services, and in line with the 2026–27 Budget, the new National Cultural Policy covers many areas of arts, culture, and entertainment, including:

- Regional and remote festivals
- Metropolitan capital city festivals (e.g. St Kilda Festival in Melbourne)
- LGBTQIA+ festivals and events (e.g. Midsumma Festival in Melbourne)
- First Nations arts and music for Indigenous Australians
- Art and music therapy programs
- Disability arts and culture
- Specialist in-school arts education programs
- Museums, libraries, and galleries
- Literature
- Arts performances
- Classical music
- Jazz music
- Contemporary music
- Music tours and festivals
- Visual arts
- Cinema and film exhibition across Australia and internationally
- The National Library of Australia's Trove digital collections
- Light entertainment
- Stand-up comedy performances and festivals
- Community radio and television broadcasting
- National broadcasters ABC and SBS, including digital radio expansion
- Arts and cultural exhibitions
- Disability-inclusive live music concerts, events, and festivals
- And many other arts and cultural activities

These initiatives reflect contributions from myself, [REDACTED] and my friend [REDACTED]. We aim to support and promote arts and cultural policies that are funded and implemented through the next National Cultural Policy, with assistance from federal, state, territory, and local governments, as well as policymakers.

We are pleased to support the continued success of arts, culture, and entertainment as part of inclusive community services, helping to create a better future for Australia.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind regards,

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