

**National Cultural Policy Submission**

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Public and anonymous



Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I agree with First Nations first. I would like to see initiative to encourage and support artists who are older. People who have deferred their art careers because of breadwinning and caretaking responsibilities (like me) may lack the confidence, energy and bravado of youth, but bring many other valuable qualities into the creative space. They aren't always well off and may be entering the creative space at some personal cost, both physically and financially. I would like to see older Australians in the arts - especially those newly entering the space - helped, recognised and encouraged and NOT patronised as some sort of quaint novelty or as not being worth the investment. We are living longer, and even past retirement age we may have decades of art in us.