

**National Cultural Policy Submission**

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I am a creative living in Brisbane for the last 30 years. I enjoy many aspects of Brisbane cultural life, including participating in a local LGBTQIA+ choir, attending theatre and music events, and doing many of my own hobby crafts and arts.

Something I see that is an issue across the spectrum of these cultural and artistic endeavours is the concept of the “third space” or space where artists can easily come together for different purposes to make art. A few years ago we tried to start up a craft club, but it is hard to book meeting room space in libraries. We tried a local MPs office but it just didn’t feel right. Similarly i know it is hard for our choir to find space that suits our needs to rehearse as we get larger - a good problem to have.

Art should be about stories, individual stories and collective stories. We are all so disconnected all the time. It can provide a way to bring our lives together.