

**National Cultural Policy Submission**

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I would like to request that independent bookshops be considered in the national cultural policy. My local bookshops, Escape Hatch and Readings, add significant value to the local cultural environment, with author talks, book clubs and fabulous advice on what next book might suit a reader. The very ability to walk to a local bookshop and peruse has contributed to my children's love of books. It's a very difficult environment for independent bookshops and I worry they won't continue to exist without some recognition of their role in the cultural landscape and need for financial support.