

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

Dear DITRDCA,

I hope you're well. My name is Cameron Liang (legal name Cameron Disting). I'm a 31-year-old writer and rapper/musician from Melbourne/Naarm. I live in New York City and intend to live in Melbourne again in future. I worked at my mother's Mary Martin Bookshops for 7 years, and know that independent bookshops are a key element of Australian culture, especially Melbourne culture. They're also wonderful 'third places' where people socialise, both intentionally and unintentionally. I've had some of the best conversations and met some of the best people of my life in Mary Martin Bookshop and other independent bookshops across Australia. The culture of Australia is thriving and the National Cultural Policy will ensure this thriving continues. As far as problems, many Australians still don't read, and of course this is due to educational and other complex issues. But surely the National Cultural Policy will increase the number of readers. Anyway, legislative support for independent bookshops would be a big step towards a more literate, culturally rich, and community-driven Australia. I hope the policy passes.

Thank you

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