

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Individual



Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I'm an author in Australia. I'd like to see, in no particular order:

1. Protections for authors and creatives against Artificial Intelligence. No scraping of our works to train AI models. Copyright enforcement. No exceptions. The theft of our work is illegal.
2. Funding to make sure our First Nations writers (incl: emerging writers and students) can access writing workshops and grants to develop their talent and share their stories. Pay published authors, specifically First Nations creatives, to work with teachers on 3 and 6 month courses focused on First Nations students who want to write so they can access this development for free.
3. Assured funding for libraries in every town
4. Assured funding for literary festivals so writers can be paid to attend and not pay their own accommodation and travel (so often writers do all of this for free because we want readers to have access to us)
5. Further tax breaks for all artists: filmmakers, writers, visual artists, musicians, designers.
6. More grants for published authors: we do not make a living wage. We need grants ie money, in order to create.
7. Funding for targeted reading campaigns in schools tailored for each year from primary through high school. Reading is essential for education, comprehension and our culture; make it fun for young people at every age. National/state/region-wide free book clubs. Work with the people who are developing apps for reading.
8. Make the Arts a national, visible priority. Fund it in every state, city and town. Message that a developed nation has arts opportunities for everyone. A career in the arts shouldn't mean poverty. Right now it does.
9. Focused arts support for those with disabilities who want to create
10. Stop censoring writers about Palestine. Stop trying to politicise arts festivals in order to shut them down and shut writers up. It doesn't win you any votes and it's enraging. Writers want to debate ideas and be with readers and booklovers in a safe space. Stop pretending any criticism of a government in an active war is equivalent to racism. LISTEN to what your constituents are telling you. And never say 'social cohesion' again, please.