

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Designed Objects Tasmania (DOT) welcomes the development of a new National Cultural Policy and strongly supports the recognition of craft and design as essential contributors to Australia's cultural life, creative economy and national identity. The policy presents an important opportunity to strengthen long-term investment in sectors that are often underrepresented despite their significant cultural and economic impact. DOT supports a policy framework that values material practice, regional creative communities and the role of makers and designers in fostering innovation, sustainability and social connection.

DOT believes the policy should continue to prioritise equitable access to funding, support for emerging and established practitioners, and stronger pathways for regional and independent organisations to participate in the national cultural landscape. For Tasmania in particular, investment in craft and design has the potential to support cultural tourism, preserve specialist skills and create meaningful opportunities for creative practitioners to live and work regionally. A strong national policy must recognise the unique contribution of craft and design to Australia's cultural diversity and ensure the sector is supported through sustained funding, advocacy and public engagement.

DOT supports three asks made by the Australian Craft and Design Centres (ACDC) network in their submission to this consultation: a 10-year workforce development plan that addresses skills and training shortages for craftspeople and designers; the establishment of a dedicated craft and design structure within Creative Australia, with its own mandate to advocate for the sector, develop funding pathways, and coordinate across government; and an export and tourism development strategy that positions Australian makers in international markets, including at showcase events like Milan Design Week.