

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

As a writer and a grandmother, I am concerned about literacy in our coming generations and consider that it is essential for all schools to have libraries and librarians to encourage their use.

As a regional writer, I feel we need to create more opportunities and funding for regional creative events and residencies and for travel to major centres when needed. I am a writer of place; voices like mine, and experiences and settings like mine are needed to balance out the overwhelming city-based demographic. The rest of Australia does exist beyond rural chick-lit.

In general, I am very concerned about the illegal use by the AI industry of our work. I am aware (through the ASA) that two of my books have been used to train AI without my permission or any copyright payment. Our copyright system is admirable and the payments received from it are essential to our pitiful annual incomes. It is unfair that not only does the increased use of AI-generated text bland out and de-nuance our work, but we are deprived of payment. We need legislation to ensure that this AI growth is not to our financial as well as creative detriment.

Thank you.