

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I have ten books in global distribution. My revenue is less than my expenses. Expenses include payments to writing associations and an artist for cover artwork. I have an ABN which I must maintain as it is a requirement to publish. My income from writing is so small that I dare not risk any of it in promoting my work. There are numerous sales support schemes that offer much, cost more and offer no guarantees. If I could claim my writing expenses as a tax deduction from my paid for work income which is unrelated to writing, I may feel more confident to invest in promoting and marketing my books. At present, is too complex, so my writing is only a hobby. I draw personal inspiration from the feedback of satisfied readers, and I convince myself that this is enough to sustain me. I need easier access to libraries and schools whose support of my content can really establish my books into the public arena. We need to be better supported, or the future of reading will be dominated reprints and AI generated material.