

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I am a budding author. I've just written my first novel, and am looking forward to see it in print on local book shelves. Please see my thoughts regarding a new National Cultural Policy below.

While I appreciate that Revive has assisted with the viability of author and illustrator careers, we need more action. My greatest concerns for authors and story tellers in Australia are:

- a) the maintenance of authenticity around storytelling
- b) the opportunity for local book sellers to access fair competition rights
- c) the infiltration of AI into part of the creative industry

Authors, booksellers, and indeed all facets of the Authors and Illustrators Industry, are being increasingly threatened by global institutions who pay poorly and treat their employees badly. These large companies are squeezing out genuine authors and illustrators and the businesses who support us. Without further intervention at a government level, we risk the viability of the entire book industry in Australia.

Stories are the heart of our culture and need to be told with spirit by those who have experienced and fully understand and appreciate the human experience. The introduction of AI to our story telling in any form detracts from its authenticity, and never fully encompasses the empathy and emotion of real people.

I am a member of the Australian Society of Authors (ASA) and support its submission and the ways the above issues could be addressed. I also support the book industry submission by Books Create Australia. In addition to their requests, I ask for support of local industries like book sellers and publishers to enable them to better compete with global companies and provide us with the payment and service we deserve.