

National Cultural Policy Submission

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It is crucial that the forthcoming National Cultural Plan reflects current issues faced by artists and arts workers, as well as the arts sector at large. Issues within the sector that need to be address are the decolonisation/ re-Indigenisation of the sector, anti-racism, anti-discrimination; freedom of artistic expression without limitations; and freedom from political interference in the arts.

The urgent and key issues facing the arts sector are:

- Censorship, political interference and racism in the arts - furthermore the vilification of political opinions not favoured by the government and the McCarthyism carried out by those within positions of power that has dominated the arts sector across Australia since the October 7th 2023 events in Palestine.
- Decolonising the arts sector
- Equitable participation and support for: First Nations, Culturally and Racially Marginalised (CaRM), underrepresented Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD), and Deaf and Disabled artists and arts workers
- Recognition of Western Sydney region in the national arts ecology
- Rising cost of living and housing unaffordability affecting the survival and sustainability artists and artsworkers