

National Cultural Policy Submission

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My experience - as a Deaf artist, a cultural advocate, and a proud member of the Australian Deaf community, serving as a diversity advocate. As a thoughtful new national cultural policy emerges for our country, the moment is NOW and I stand with Deaf artists and community to say clearly: we are not secondary. We are artists, storytellers, performers, and innovators whose creativity belongs at the heart of this nation's cultural life. We are audiences passionate and eager for theatre, film, dance, and music created genuinely with us and for us. We are families, elders, and young people who share a language Auslan that is rich, intricate, and beautiful. It deserves full acknowledgment in every cultural space across this country, and we will stand firm until that is a reality. Australia has the opportunity to lead the world in Deaf cultural equity. I am asking this country to be brave enough to take it.