

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I submit these views as an emerging writer living in Victoria, whose practice has benefited greatly from the diverse arts organisations, festivals, and associations Australia has to offer. The government's commitment to maintaining a robust cultural policy is commendable. To achieve this, it is essential that the federal government, as well as the governments of states and territories, continue to fund arts organisations, including museums, galleries, writers associations, and community arts. The defunding of Writers Victoria is of particular concern to the Victorian arts community, as this members-focused association has supported, taught, and advocated for writers and artists across the nation, and is also instrumental in bringing international writers to Australia to share diverse experiences and further the development of our cultural arts practice. I would like to see state-based arts organisations better funded. I would also like to see legal protections for writers and artists against copyright infringement by AI models and the companies that run them. AI is the greatest structural threat to the arts, as it devalues and dehumanises artistic practice and the enjoyment, education, and empathy humans have always found in art and writing.