

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I think it's great that policy has been, and will be, developed to increase access to the arts and cultural art in all forms in Australia.

I feel:

- 1) In this financial climate, where discretionary spending is limited, it is still expensive to experience arts and cultural events, whether it be ticket price, transport, parking, etc. The fluctuating interest rates and dramatic repayment hikes of recent days have made people wary and are saving their money for immediate and vital spending. I promote live music, and I have watched the ticket sales rise and fall as the interest rates do.
- 2) Awareness is a big thing - getting the word out to all Australians what is on, available, costs, etc.
- 3) Reaching children at an early age to develop the various forms of culture and arts is important. Eg, my adult children are, unfortunately, not likely to go to art exhibitions, but will go camping and fishing or watch the football at every opportunity - they were introduced at a very young age to these activities by their father and still love them to this day. Unfortunately, there was little time or funds for the arts.