

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Organisation

Rawcus Theatre Company Inc



Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

Rawcus is an award winning ensemble of 14 artists with and without disability. Rawcus is a small arts organisation creating and presenting inclusive theatre and arts experiences with and for diverse communities.

The arts sector is vital and yet is seriously underfunded. Especially the small to medium sized organisations. For organisations like Rawcus who are committed to inclusive practise the costs continue to rise.

There has been a focus on cost shifting to philanthropic giving and while we do pursue opportunities for increasing donations and our donor base philanthropic giving cannot replace government contribution. The small to medium arts sector are major contributors and very often the most innovative and offer professional and career development for artists. To offer these opportunities the small to medium arts sector needs to be resourced to do that. Government funding is an investment in the health of the arts sector and in turn the Australian communities.