

**National Cultural Policy Submission**

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I think increased reliance on philanthropic funding creates a hostile environment for art that challenges the viewer. In particular we have seen how censorship of several artists who had \,take up the Palestinian call for an end to the occupation.\,

Philanthropy is a minor funding source for the arts, and in regional areas we need support of the government. I think policies to encourage it will always disproportionately benefit the people who need financial support the least. institutions that over-rely on philanthropy risk compromising integrity when artists avoid controversy so they do not risk their ability to attract grants.

Australian governments, including the Commonwealth, have a duty of care to society to invest in the arts. It's the only way to ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy Australian literature, music, performance, and art.