

# National Cultural Policy Submission

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In my opinion, a Cultural Policy should not only help Australians better understand their cultural identity; it should also encourage them to be better.

To do this, the policy should explicitly (not just implicitly) encourage all Australians to be more productive human beings who aspire to live good lives (in my view, being 'more productive' includes being effective citizens and family members as well as being economically productive, while a good life is one that a person would be happy to defend in front of their peers or a god).

The desire to make sure creatives earn a decent income while being creative is understandable, but it can too often encourage mediocrity. Paradoxically, a person will often be far more creative if their work is done when they are pushing against obstacles - like having to hold down a job - and not comfortably cruising.

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