# National Cultural Policy Submissions are open!

The Federal Government is developing a new cultural policy for the decade ahead. They want to know what is important to everyone involved or interested in arts, entertainment and cultural sector.

**Why do they want your input?**

Australia’s arts, entertainment, and cultural sectors must shape the new cultural policy.

Have your say on how we can place arts at the centre of modern Australian life.

This includes:

* Placing **First Nations** peoples and culture at the center of the arts and culture.
* **A Place for Every Story**. Make sure the arts and culture in Australia reflect our diversity. Everyone has a story to tell – they are all important.
* **The Centrality of the Artist**. Artists, and arts workers, create our culture. We need to celebrate this and support people to be able to live and work in the sector.
* Ensuring **Strong Institutions** support the arts and culture sector. Making sure they have to tools and support to ensure they uphold and support the sector.
* **Reaching the Audience.** Audiences have access to arts and culture they want to experience at home and abroad. Ensuring artists, arts workers and creatives have access to audiences.

# How you can have your say

There are two ways for you to tell the Government what you think:

* make a submission online or via email
* attend a town hall event.

## To make a submission

Visit the National Cultural Policy website and fill out the form on the website.

[Click here to go to the national cultural policy website](https://www.arts.gov.au/have-your-say/new-national-cultural-policy)

Download the National Cultural Policy submission template

PDF: [National-Cultural-Policy-Submission-Template.Pdf (24.12 KB)](https://www.arts.gov.au/file/12994/download?token=mAWIOnee)

DOCX: [National-Cultural-Policy-Submission-Template.Docx (37.05 KB)](https://www.arts.gov.au/file/12993/download?token=B1YwUh4P)

You can also email your submission as a document to <mailto:culturalpolicy@arts.gov.au>

## What you need in your submission

Submissions must be no more than 3 pages and include:

* your contact name
* organisation name, if applicable
* contact details, including telephone number, postal and email addresses
* confirmation of whether your submission can be public (published) or kept confidential.

Please be aware that all public submissions must meet the [Digital Service Standard for accessibility](https://www.dta.gov.au/help-and-advice/digital-service-standard/digital-service-standard-criteria). If your submission does not it will be modified to be accessible.

If your submission is confidential you will need to label it confidential on all pages.

## To Attend a Town Hall

To attend a town hall event, visit the National Cultural Policy website to register.

[Click here to check out dates of the town halls and register.](https://www.arts.gov.au/town-hall-events-national-cultural-policy-consultation)

There will be town halls in Albury/Wodonga, Bendigo and Melbourne on **Tuesday 9 August.**

Submissions close on **Monday 22 August 2022.**

# What will be the outcome of this consultation?

Your feedback will help inform a new National Cultural Policy for Australia.

# How do I find out more?

There is information on the submission process on the [National Cultural Policy website](https://www.arts.gov.au/have-your-say/new-national-cultural-policy).

[Click here to check out the Creative Australia—National Cultural Policy they are looking for feedback on](https://www.arts.gov.au/documents/creative-australia-national-cultural-policy). Please note the documents say 2022, however this is the original 2013 policy they are basing the new policy on.

[Click here to download the Australia Council for the Arts National Culture Plan Consultation Framing Submission PDF](https://australiacouncil.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/National-Cultural-Plan-Framing-Submission-1.pdf)

# Contact Us

Arts Access Victoria will be making a submission as an organisation. You are welcome to contact us with feedback.

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