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Submission to
The Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts in Australia

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts in Australia.

Established in 2004, the Council supports ninety-two member organisations, including the major national arts and cultural institutions, peak bodies in the creative and performing arts disciplines of Australian Universities promotes and provides advocacy services for the humanities, arts and social sciences. The Council serves as a coordinating forum for academics, researchers, students, business, practitioners and the broader community. Council members are specialists in the knowledge and skills of their disciplines and professions and are major advocates and networks for practitioners and professionals in their fields.

The Council notes that this Review is being conducted in the context of the development of a National Cultural Policy. In February 2010, the Council made a submission to the development of a National Cultural Policy and will continue to make input to this process. This submission to the Review of Private Sector Funding for the Arts is additional to those inputs. It may be of interest to the Review Team that on 2 August 2011, the Council is convening a national workshop entitled Communicating Big Ideas: National Cultural Policy. The workshop will be a key forum in the process for response to the Government's framework paper for a national cultural policy.

The Council's submission seeks to provide information in response to the Review's terms of reference. While noting a number of concerns and issues related to reliance on philanthropic contributions to the arts which would need to be addressed, the Council would welcome measures which might strengthen the role of philanthropy in support for the arts.

The Council looks forward to the outcomes of the Review.

Yours sincerely

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