



CHASS calls on the next government to strengthen its commitment to HASS

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) joins its member organisations and other sector peak bodies and associations in calling on the next government of Australia to strengthen its commitment towards the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) sector.

CHASS endorses the *2019 Election Statement - Shaping the Nation* released by the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and the *8-Point Plan to Humanise the Future* released by the Australian Academy of the Humanities. CHASS publication [*'Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences: It's everyone's business'*](#) (2016) illustrates the diverse ways in which HASS disciplines provide essential services to citizens in all walks of life and reinforces the importance of the sector.

Increased funding support for education and research in the HASS sector is crucial to securing Australia's future in a global context. The 2016 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap recognises Humanities and Social Science research as a top priority. It is recognised by all leading stakeholders in the research community globally that advances in research (impact and progress) will be made more quickly and more effectively where there is cross-disciplinary collaboration and a holistic view.

CHASS urges key political players and policymakers to restore crucial funding to the sector, develop a comprehensive national policy for teaching and research in HASS programs, and commit to investing in the future of all Australians.

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On behalf of the members of the CHASS Board

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