

**Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR  
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

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Dear Monica, Stewart and Jane,

As a member of the Sydney arts community (I am both a composer/performer, and an audience member), I'd just like to express my support for government funding for the arts. As an immigrant from the USA (I am now an Australian citizen), I want to express my admiration for the quality and innovation of Sydney/Australian artists: they are the best I've seen around the world. But they need to be supported by their community, especially during these trying times. If Australia wishes to continue to be held in high regard by the world arts community - and economy - they need to continue to invest in their artists - just like they invest in business, sport and infrastructure.

Thanks for your support.

Phillip Johnston