

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

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The current level of funding for the arts is deeply inadequate. This is especially true of the games industry, which NSW is egregious in its lack of funding, especially when every other state is capable of seeing that this is a multibillion dollar industry in Australia alone and growing rapidly as people consume ever more media in a time of quarantine and uncertainty. The games industry is now worth more than traditional cinema, yet NSW refuses to see this and is actively hostile to the games industry, to the point where even an accidental mention of the word is enough to kill any funding application. The industry in Sydney alone is growing and has some of the most talented game designers in the world. It is simple economic sense to increase industry funding and the NSW government and Screen NSW are short sighted, naive and arrogant in their approach.