



Draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Bill 2025

Consultation Discussion Paper
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Background

CreateSA (formerly known as Arts South Australia) in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), leads South Australia's strategic agenda across the arts, cultural and creative industries to ensure a future for South Australia as a place where creativity thrives and lies at the heart of our daily lives and cultural identity.

In its 2022 election commitment, the Government of South Australia pledged to 'develop and introduce legislation to enshrine how the arts are valued in South Australia, to require planning and strategy for arts to be developed and driven and to contemplate the conditions in which artists work and create'.

South Australia has continued to demonstrate its leadership across many aspects of its arts, cultural and creative activities. The arts, culture and creative industries strengthen our communities, offer creative opportunities to everybody in South Australia, and attract visitors from round Australia and internationally. They are in our DNA. We are known for our firsts across a range of arts and cultural activity, and for generating new ideas.

Introducing legislation that enshrines the value of the arts is an opportunity for the Government of South Australia to demonstrate publicly a strong commitment to the arts, culture and creative sector.

It leads with the same values and principles of *A Place to Create*, the new 10-year policy for arts, culture and creative industries which is a whole of government policy for every South Australian. The *A Place to Create* cultural policy was launched on 31 March 2025.

In March 2025, the Government of South Australia approved the drafting of a Bill for the establishment of the draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Bill 2025.

The draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Bill 2025 (the draft Bill) seeks to formally recognise the importance of the arts, culture and creative industries in South Australia.

The draft Bill also provides for a whole-of-government Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy that:

- contributes to the delivery of the overall priorities of the South Australian Government
- ensures that everybody in South Australia can participate in arts, culture and creativity
- delivers strategies to ensure the continued strength of the arts, cultural and creative industries in South Australia
- delivers strategies that will help to make South Australia a great place for artists and creatives to work at every stage of their careers.

Enshrining the value of the arts into legislation will also ensure future governments continue to demonstrate commitment to the arts, cultural and creative industries.



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Principles

The following principles have been central to the drafting of the Bill.

- Aboriginal people are South Australia's First Peoples and Nations, and the traditional owners and occupants of land, sky and waters of South Australia, and their culture, arts and creativity represents the longest continuous cultural tradition in the world, which continues to inspire and lead the communities of South Australia.
- Fostering the creativity and talent of our children and young people is critical to the future strength of our State and therefore every child and young person should have the opportunity to develop their creative talent, with the support of the artists, creatives and cultural organisations of South Australia, in their schools and communities.
- Ensuring that South Australia remains a place that supports artistic expression, creative innovation and artistic excellence, which are essential for a strong cultural and creative infrastructure.
- South Australia's vibrant arts, cultural and creative industries will continue to deliver important wellbeing, social and economic benefits to the State.

Consultation on the draft Bill

Consultation and engagement are essential to ensuring that stakeholder perspectives are considered and incorporated into the drafting of the legislation.

A short survey has been developed to encourage feedback from stakeholders.

Consultation will close on Sunday 27 April 2025.

Following consultation, survey responses will be carefully considered to inform whether any further amendments need to be made to the draft Bill before introducing to Parliament.

The draft Bill will be introduced to the South Australian Parliament in 2025.

Consultation questions

1. Do you have any feedback about the Principles in the draft Bill?
2. Do you have any feedback about the Objects in the draft Bill?
3. Do you have any feedback about the Guidelines in the draft Bill?
4. Do you have any feedback about the Functions of the Minister in the draft Bill?
5. Do you have any feedback about the State Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy as referenced in the draft Bill?

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