



Public hearing on arts and cultural philanthropy

The Office for the Arts is giving evidence this Thursday at a public hearing for an inquiry into boosting arts and cultural philanthropy.

Chair of the House Standing Committee on Communications, the Arts and Sport, Ms Susan Templeman MP, said:

‘Philanthropy is critical for the arts and cultural sector in Australia.’

‘The Committee hopes to gain insights into how the Office of the Arts is working to encourage and incentivise philanthropic giving.’

Written submissions to the inquiry are being accepted. Submissions close on 2 March 2026.

The inquiry terms of reference include looking into:

- new and emerging funding mechanisms, including digital fundraising platforms
- the effectiveness of government policies and programs
- incentives and disincentives for philanthropic giving and private support, including tax and regulatory settings
- potential government initiatives to increase philanthropic participation.

Public hearing details are below. Information about making submissions and the full terms of reference available on the [inquiry webpage](#).

More information about the Committee, including membership, may be found on the [Committee’s website](#).

Public hearing details

Date: Thursday, 26 February 2026

Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm (Canberra time)

Location: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Watch on YouTube [@AUSParliamentLive](#) or [ParlView](#)

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