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From the office of the
Chief Executive Officer

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Mr Chris Leggett
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Dear Mr Leggett,

Draft Guidelines for Public Ancillary Funds

The Australia Council for the Arts takes a keen interest in the review and effective operation of Public Ancillary Funds – PuAFs – as it had also with the 2009 review of Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs). Both of these philanthropic vehicles have provided substantial support for culture and the arts to date. A unit of the Council, Artsupport Australia, has developed close working relationships with many PuAFs and PAFs as part of its mission to grow cultural philanthropy.

The Australia Council is very pleased with the submission prepared by Philanthropy Australia, in response to the draft Public Ancillary Funds Guidelines. The Australia Council is a full member of Philanthropy Australia (PA), and we recognise PA's leadership and authority on the revisions taking place.

We formally commend PA on their comprehensive and expert consultation on the draft guidelines, and are pleased to endorse their response. We look forward to the launch of the new Public Ancillary Funds guidelines in due course, and the philanthropy that they will continue to facilitate.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Keele
Chief Executive Officer