

From the office of the Chief Executive Officer

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Mrs Sandra Roussel  
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The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Mrs Roussel,

**Draft Guidelines for Private Ancillary Funds (formerly Prescribed Private Funds)**

The Australia Council for the Arts takes a keen interest in the operation of Private Ancillary Funds – PAFs - (formerly Prescribed Private Funds - PPFs), many of whom 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 founders of PAFs as part of its mission to grow cultural philanthropy.

The Australia Council made its own submission to the *Inquiry into Improving the Integrity of PPFs* in January this year, and is very pleased with the draft guidelines that have been proposed. The Australia Council is also a member of Philanthropy Australia (PA), which has provided leadership and authority on the revisions taking place. Staff from Artsupport Australia have participated in PA's interstate teleconference discussions throughout the review, and most recently on the draft guidelines.

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

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Keele  
Chief Executive Officer