National Cultural Policy Submission

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Strong Institutions

Building strong, confident Arts educators is vital to our Australian National Cultural Policy. The NMTM is a shining example of how the Government can support music education excellence.

The quality and rigour of Australian Music is central to the music education that is offered to all Australians. I am a music teacher with a BMus (Hons), however, I am acutely aware that many Australian students are not being offered a quality music education delivered by trained music educators.

I have had the opportunity to be a part of the NMTMP (National Music Teachers Mentor Program) devised by Richard Gill and have witnessed the strength of the program to build up the confidence and capacity of music educators in this space.

A strong arts education program can achieve education equality by overcoming social and economic barriers. Ensuring that the pillar of "Strong Institutions" includes all education settings will support quality Arts and Music education is delivered to all Australian students.