

FEEDBACK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Feedback Management Policy is to:

- provide guidance and assistance to stakeholders who wish to provide feedback to the Australia Council; and
- foster a culture of continuous improvement by encouraging and responding to feedback provided on the operations of the Australia Council.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

Australia Council welcomes any opportunity to improve on our services and overall experience in dealing with us. Complaints as well as positive feedback help us to identify areas where there might be a shortfall or where we can do better, as well as what we are doing right.

3 PROVIDING FEEDBACK

Feedback can be delivered either verbally or in writing.

Verbally	
Local phone call	(612) 9215 9000
Toll-free	1800 226 912
National Relay Service (NRS)	1800 555 677

In writing	
Street address	Australia Council for the Arts Level 5 60 Union Street Pyrmont NSW 2009
Post Office box	Australia Council for the Arts PO Box 576 Pyrmont NSW 2009
Email	feedback@australiacouncil.gov.au

Once received we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible and to keep you updated on the progress of your feedback.

You can also lodge a complaint with the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#) (1300 362 072 for the cost of a local call) if you are dissatisfied with Australia Council's complaints-handling procedures or if your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction.

Please note abusive or aggressive behaviour or verbal or physical abuse towards Australia Council officials will not be tolerated.

4 MODERN SLAVERY

The Australia Council recognises the ethical and legal importance of protecting human rights and is committed to ensuring that Council's supply chains are free from modern slavery practices.

We also acknowledge that modern slavery is often hidden and difficult to detect. We encourage feedback on instances where modern slavery practices may be occurring within Council's operations or supply chains.

5 OUR RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

Upon receipt of your feedback it will be forwarded to the most appropriate Australia Council official who will then take ownership and responsibility for documenting, resolving and responding to the feedback. The decision as to who is the most appropriate Council official to respond will be dependent upon the nature and seriousness of the feedback.

The Council official responsible for responding to your feedback will do the following:

- Review the feedback and determine the next course of action.
- Consider whether they need to consult with other divisions of the Australia Council to ensure there is a holistic response.
- Escalate to senior management or the Executive if required.
- Respond to your feedback within 14 days. Sometimes this will only require an acknowledgement and sometimes a more detailed response will be necessary.
- If you have made a complaint, depending on the nature of the complaint, we will attempt to resolve this within 14 days. If this is not possible, we will provide an update to you within 14 days. If we can't resolve your complaint, we will contact you to explain why and let you know what other options may be available to you. If you make an anonymous complaint we are likely only going to be able to respond with general information.
- Document all correspondence and relevant actions taken.
- Maintain confidentiality when appropriate.

6 YOUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY

If you contact us with feedback or a complaint, we are required to protect your personal information under the *Privacy Act 1988*.

When you provide us with your email address or residential address you are permitting us to contact you in response by using the same email or residential address. You need to be satisfied with the security and privacy of this information when you provide it to us.

If you have any concerns with the way we have collected or managed your personal information, you can read our [Privacy Policy](#) to inform yourself on how we manage personal information. You can also email the Australia Council's Privacy Officer:

privacyofficer@australiacouncil.gov.au

7 INTERACTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION

- Code of Conduct
- Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality Policy
- Information Management Policy
- Modern Slavery Policy
- Privacy Policy

8 CHANGE HISTORY

Date	Change description	Reason for change	Author	Issue no:
June 2016	Document creation		Rebecca Kenny, General Counsel	1
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