

ARTS MATTER

WHEN YOU VOTE ON JULY 2

ARTS AND CULTURE IN AUSTRALIA ARE

One of Australia's largest employers, creating more jobs than agriculture, construction or mining.

An economic engine, generating \$50 billion for the Australian economy for comparatively modest subsidy.

ARTISTS MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

Creating vibrant cities and regions.

Contributing to our health and wellbeing.

Enabling community participation and expression.

Showcasing Australia to the world.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS CUT \$300M FROM ARTS FUNDING IN THREE YEARS. THE DEVASTATING IMPACT INCLUDES

16,000 job losses in arts and recreation.

Recent loss of Federal funding by 50% of small to medium sized arts organisations.

70% reduction of support to individual artists and their projects.

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS IS VITAL TO AN INNOVATIVE AND FAIR NATION. DEMAND GOOD ARTS POLICY AND HEALTHY FUNDING WHEN YOU VOTE ON JULY 2.
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Elena Carapetis is a writer and actor who works with independent groups of artists, small to medium sized theatre companies and has recently been appointed State Theatre Company of South Australia's Resident Artist for 2017.



“My career in the arts has been nurtured by the small organisations affected by these cuts. They are the backbone of the arts, generating new ideas and the next generation of talent. I want to see a Government that shows its support for telling Australian stories, showcasing exceptional art, and involving our communities in cultural expression. Not only as an artist but as a citizen I believe that the arts are essential to health, education and community life.”

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ELENA CARAPETIS, HENLEY BEACH

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