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Sydney Festival Submission: Art of Tax Reform Summit

Sydney Festival has proudly submitted its response to the Art of Tax Reform Summit – a landmark initiative led by the NSW Government to explore how tax policy can better support Australia’s arts, culture and creative sectors. As one of the nation’s largest and most diverse cultural festivals, we strongly support this important conversation and the opportunity to contribute sector insights to help shape future reform.

Our submission reflects our unique position at the intersection of government, philanthropy, corporate investment and cultural practice. Drawing on our experience delivering a diverse program of First Nations-led work, new commissions, international collaborations and community events, we advocate for a fairer, more effective tax system that reflects the realities of creative work. Our proposals focus on three key areas: support for artists and creative workers, sustainability for not-for-profit organisations, and stronger incentives for philanthropy and cultural participation. We believe targeted reforms, including tax-free treatment of grants and prizes, income averaging for creatives, live performance tax offsets and enhanced donation mechanisms, will help build a more equitable, resilient and thriving creative economy for all Australians.

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