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Museum Directors from around Australia today applauded the Federal Government's commitment to a new vision for culture in Australia through the planned National Cultural Policy. Speaking in Canberra at the conference of the Council of Australasian Museum Directors (CAMD), Chair, Margaret Anderson welcomed the timing of the rethink. 'As the NBN rolls out', she said 'Australians will look to their cultural institutions for authentic Australian stories linking collections and communities all over Australia'.

Australia's major museums are already leading in this space, opening digital doors to amazing resources, whisking bush classrooms to videoconference dates with experts and bringing Australia's past, present and future online for people of all ages. The museums, with more than 14 million visits through their front doors each year, are finding that this impact is extended online with over 41 million regular users on their online sites.

'A broadly conceived national cultural policy has an immense amount to offer the Australian people linking communities in new, inclusive ways with museums, science centres, libraries, archives, research centres, the visual and performing arts and with each other'.

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