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Dear Ms Dyson

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the National Advocates for Arts Education regarding the NSW Creative Arts K-6 Draft Directions for Syllabus Development consultation.

The Creative Arts K-6 Syllabus development project is following the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabus development process recognising the substantial review and development work that the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), together with all states and territories has undertaken.

NESA advises that it will continue to implement Australian curriculum content through a NSW legislative framework. NESA has determined that Australian curriculum content will be modified, re-ordered and supplemented to align with the features of NSW syllabuses. The inclusion of Australian curriculum content, including Media Arts, will be incorporated into NSW Creative Arts syllabuses as appropriate.

NESA's approach to including Australian curriculum content reflects the specific context of the legislation which establishes curriculum in NSW and the processes for developing and approving curriculum for use in NSW schools. Through the Australian curriculum development and approval process, NSW has aligned the nationally agreed ambition to describe common and essential learning for all Australian students with its own commitment to particular structures and process for curriculum development and legal requirements as set out by the NSW Education Act (1990).

Australian curriculum policy statements recognise the potential for jurisdictions to complement Australian curriculum material. NSW retains the legislative authority to contextualise and augment nationally developed material. This position has been frequently reiterated and supported by NSW stakeholders.

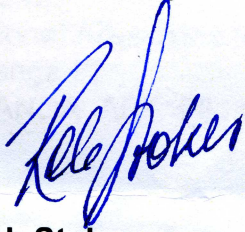
In NSW Media Arts is not included as separate or distinct discipline in the creative arts. The learning experiences and process in media arts are incorporated appropriately in a range of other related contexts and key learning areas in the curriculum. I am advised by NESA that this approach has been provided in feedback



from NSW throughout the development of the Australian Curriculum: The Arts F-10 and in response to the Australian Government review of the Australian curriculum.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Karen Ingram, Acting Director Curriculum and Assessment Standards at NESA by telephone on 9367 8150 or by email at [karen.ingram@nesa.nsw.edu.au](mailto:karen.ingram@nesa.nsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely



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