

The Hon. Tony Burke

Minister for the Arts

Parliament House,

Canberra,

Australia.

22 October, 2025

Dear Minister Burke,

We the undersigned international artists who have exhibited in Sculpture by the Sea in Sydney or Perth are pleased to write to inform you of the considerable international reputation of the exhibitions with leading artists around the world over more than two decades.

Sculpture by the Sea on the Bondi coastal walk and Cottesloe beach are globally unique exhibitions. No other country has exhibitions that are so appealing to artists from around the world.

The key aspects of the Sculpture by the Sea exhibitions that when combined make for such a special experience for artists and visitors are:

- The extraordinary beauty of the coastal landscapes in the middle of major cities that are ideally suited for siting sculpture;
- The very large number of visitors to the exhibition;
- The wonderful interaction between the people of Australia and the sculptures that transform the coastal environment;
- The mixture of leading international and emerging artists from Australia and around the world creates an international community of artists focused on Australia;
- The friendly and professional staff of the Sculpture by the Sea organisation who are tremendous ambassadors for Australia; and
- When an international emerging artist exhibits in Sculpture by the Sea their reputation and opportunities increase considerably in their home country.

Sculpture by the Sea is one of Australia's most important internationally recognised assets.

We would like to encourage you to consider the international reputation of the Sculpture by the Sea exhibitions in your decision whether to fund the exhibitions and the artists. If a

relatively small amount of funding could be provided to international artists for their freight and travel costs we can assure you a great many of the leading senior and emerging artists from around the world will wish to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Booth, Artist (Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)

David Černý, Artist (Prague, Czech Republic)

Zadok Ben-David, Artist (London, England)

Professor Sui Jianguo, Artist & former Head of Sculpture, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing (Beijing, China)

Kozo Nishino, Artist (Kyoto, Japan)

Albert Paley, Artist (Rochester, New York, United States of America)

Haruyuki Uchida, Artist & former Guest Curator, Echigo - Tsumari Triennale and Setouchi Triennale (Kyoto, Japan)

Chen Wenling, Artist (Beijing, China)