

- . the Council should be required to observe the requirement of natural justice in discontinuance decisions; and
- . artists should have a right under the AD(JR) Act to request reasons for the Council's decisions if the scheme does not require provision of reasons. The Council's decisions are to be made under the Australia Council Act 1975, although the Scheme sets out the criteria relevant to the Council's statutory powers to make grants.

Lands Acquisition Bill 1988

This Bill was introduced into Parliament on 25 May 1988 and is currently before the Senate. It includes a provision which will give the former owner an option to buy back any land acquired by the Commonwealth which the Commonwealth proposes to resell with little or no improvements. Sale will be at current market value. The Bill includes an amendment making this valuation decision subject to AAT review.

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