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GLAM Peak Statement on National Research Infrastructure

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GLAM Peak, Australia's peak representative body of the galleries, libraries, archives, historical societies and museums sectors, welcomes the Government's recognition of Platforms for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) as a priority area for investment in its plan for national research infrastructure released this week.

As the principal repositories of Australia's unique history, heritage, and audio-visual collections, GLAM organisations have a central role to play in realising that agenda. The 2016 Roadmap identified the National Library of Australia's Trove facility, as well as the Atlas of Living Australia, as exemplar infrastructures to build on.

"We are committed to driving improvements in the way all Australians access and interact with our cultural collections", said Alex Marsden, co-convenor of GLAM Peak.

"One of the biggest user groups of GLAM resources and infrastructure is Australia's research community, so it is gratifying to see Platforms for HASS and Indigenous research being prioritised."

GLAM Peak has been working with the Australian Academy of the Humanities to identify a list of Australia's cultural institutions that house collections of nationally significant cultural and social research material, and the investment needed to unlock and connect these data assets. Platforms for HASS have the power to drive transformations in the way researchers discover, access, curate and analyse social and cultural data.

The cultural sector must not miss the opportunities and gains that targeted investment in research infrastructure has already shown it can deliver for the sciences, and the people of Australia.

We continue to support the work being led by the Academy. **And we urge the Australian Government to capitalise on the momentum of this collaborative agenda by ensuring that funding for the scoping work is expedited.**

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