



Re : Complaint Re: the book cover of, 'After Australia"

enquiries <enquiries@australiacouncil.gov.au>

Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 2:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Roger

Thanks for your email, and for bringing the acknowledgement to my attention.

Our initial funding review focused on funding to either the publisher or editor of the book, and/or for projects titled "About Australia." There were no grants to either the publisher or the editor for this work, and no grants referencing the title "About Australia" that we could find.

Subsequent to your recent email, we've reviewed our records in more detail and were able to identify a grant to Diversity Arts Australia in 2018 to support a series of workshops with culturally and linguistically diverse communities and writers to create ten new commissioned works. The Australia Council was one of several funders. The project envisaged a range of publication outcomes, including online, print-on-demand, audio books and podcasts. Although this grant has not yet been acquitted, we consider "About Australia" has developed from this project, which would explain why the Australia Council was acknowledged in the book alongside other supporters. My apologies for the confusion and for taking a little longer to get back to you.

As per my previous email, the Australia Council does not exercise editorial control over the activities supported through our grants.

Kind regards,

Pip

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

From: roger <9999roger@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, 23 January 2021 4:57 PM

To: enquiries <enquiries@australiacouncil.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Re : Complaint Re: the book cover of, 'After Australia"

Dear Pip,

Thankyou for your prompt response to my enquiry back in August 2020.

My complaint regarding the book cover for *After Australia* is slowly making its way through the Australian Human Rights Commission complaint system.

You originally advised me, in the email below, that The Australia Council for the Arts *'did not fund the publication of this book or its cover art work'*.