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Bio

After 10 years in private legal practice, Ian set up a specialist legal and management consultancy and has for 32 years helped organisations wanting to contribute to the design of regulation that affects members, or the way in which such regulation is administered by government.

Ian has helped AAAA protect and promote its members in that regulatory space for approximately 11 years.

In December 2022, Australia's Productivity Commission, after an 18-month Study, recommended that the Australian Government (led by the Office for the Arts) should establish *a formal shared decision-making partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and art organisations* to do two things:

1. help identify funding priorities,
2. help identify strategic initiatives to support growth across the sector.

That Productivity Commission recommendation illustrates:

1. some of AAAA's important achievements over the last 10 years, and,
2. why making that 'shared decision-making partnership' happen is what Ian sees as a continuing focus for the Board.