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Online culture and recreation-look through the portal

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Senator Ian Campbell, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, today welcomed the release of the Culture and Recreation Portal- www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au-by the Federal Minister for the Arts, Peter McGauran.

'This is the first of the new portals developed as part of the Federal Government's customer-focused portals framework - and part of the Government's online strategy,' Senator Campbell said.

'The portals framework simplifies access to a comprehensive set of information and services online from all Federal agencies on a particular topic or for a particular customer group.

'Customers do not need to know which department they require, or how that department works. Online information and services will be presented in an intuitive and relevant way.'

The Culture and Recreation Portal joins the successful Business Entry Point - bringing together a wealth of online information and services for customers.

'With access to more than 1 800 Australian culture and recreation websites, the Culture and Recreation Portal will be extremely useful for visitors to Australia, as well as the millions of Australians who visit cultural institutions each week,' Senator Campbell said.

The portal provides easy access to information on cultural institutions, exhibitions, festivals, sport, education and training programs for artists, and a wide variety of other resources.

By September this year, there will be nine portals, including regional, youth, families, agriculture, science and industry, business, employment, and education. These portals will be



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accessible independently and through a Federal Government entry point.

The second group of portals will be launched progressively after September, and include-health, environment, women, immigration, seniors, Indigenous, government, law and justice, and community groups.

'All portals will be developed to agreed minimum standards and will develop into 'mature' portals offering more sophisticated capabilities, including access to State and Territory and relevant non-government resources,' said Senator Campbell.

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