

## **INTRO:**

You've probably heard about the P-M's decision to scrap a number of dedicated government departments...

They've been merged with existing departments and some of the combinations... well... they don't seem to have much in common.

Museums, libraries, cultural heritage, our film industry... alongside roads and rail?

It was announced on Thursday that The Department of Communication and Arts will fall under the new Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications... it's a bit of a mouthful, and where's the Arts gone?

Cultural and creative activity contributed \$111.7 billion to Australia's economy in one year, but of course the arts have an affect on all our lives that it's difficult to put a price on...

Much loved creative Tim Minchin had a few words to say about that last night on The Project

**NETIA: RL: MINCHIN on arts via The Project AIR**

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