



LPA releases Report Card: Coalition yet to deliver its plan for live performance industry

Dear Member

LPA today released the following statement to media regarding LPA's 2016 Federal Election Report Card:

Live Performance Australia has released its assessment of the major parties' policy positions for the live performance industry in the lead-up to the federal election.

LPA Chief Executive Evelyn Richardson said: 'As an industry which makes a \$2.5 billion contribution to the Australian economy and supports 34,000 jobs, we have been keenly following the election campaign and the commitments by parties to supporting a diverse, strong and growing live performance industry.'

The LPA report card assesses the policy commitments of the Coalition, the ALP, Greens and the Arts Party, including how they measure up against LPA's key policy priorities which were outlined on 2 June 2016.

'Labor, the Greens and the Arts Party have all issued detailed policy statements on the arts, including policy positions that will support our live performance industry,' Ms Richardson said.

'In particular, we welcome their commitment to support the return of funding to the Australia Council to provide long term stability for small to medium performing arts companies along with other initiatives that recognise the economic, social and cultural importance of live performance.

'However, it's disappointing that we're just over two weeks from the election and the Coalition is yet to detail any policy for the live performance industry or the arts sector as a whole, apart from some ad-hoc project funding announcements.

'Senator Fifield's appearance at the national arts debate in Melbourne recently was a missed opportunity for him to engage with industry representatives on the Coalition's plan to support jobs, growth and innovation for Australia's live performance industry.

'We hope the Coalition will take the opportunity before the election to set out some policy directions for the live performance industry which not only supports tens of thousands of jobs and creates billions of dollars of economic activity, but is also supported by 18 million Australians who attend a live performance every year,' Ms Richardson said.

LPA's Federal Election Report Card and Media Release can be found [here](#).

Campaign Launch: Small Start, Big Art

Live Performance Australia today launched its **Small Start, Big Art** campaign, a social media video series featuring prominent Australian performers and arts workers calling for funds to be returned to

the Australia Council. The campaign is designed to highlight the critical role of small to medium arts companies in developing and supporting Australia's creative and technical talent – and the contribution they make to our economic, social and cultural well-being at home and internationally.

Our social media campaign will run from Thursday 15 June (Today) to Thursday 23 June. On Friday 24 June, we will release a compilation video to conclude our campaign.

These videos will be shared via our [Facebook page](#), [Youtube Channel](#) and through our Member organisation networks. **We would greatly appreciate it if you would share these videos!**

National Day of Action

Friday 17 June 2016

As Members may be aware, various arts bodies and companies have planned a National Day of Action for the arts in response to the Coalition Government's budget cuts to the Australia Council.

LPA is supporting the National Day of Action through our social media channels. You can also show your support by:

- Using our National Day of Action social media banners and shareable icons, available to download [here](#).
- Signing the online petition, available [here](#).

Further details on the National Day of Action for the arts can be found [here](#).

Turnbull v. Shorten



Australia's First Online Leaders Debate

Friday 17 June, 6pm AEST

Submit your questions for PM Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten MP this Friday night at Australia's first online leaders debate [here](#).

All questions posted before 12pm AEST this Friday 17 June are in the running to be asked. Learn more about the debate [here](#).

Do you have a question for the Prime Minister?

Malcolm Turnbull on Q&A at Brisbane Powerhouse

Monday 20 June, 9:35pm AEST

The Prime Minister will be on Q&A next Monday (20/06) to answer your questions. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to ask the Prime Minister how the Coalition Government plans to secure future jobs and growth in the live performance industry.

We encourage you to submit your questions, including video questions, to the ABC [here](#). You can also register to join the studio audience at the Brisbane Powerhouse [here](#).

Please join the Q&A conversation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Kind regards,

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