



LPA Summary: NSW Budget 2018–19

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the New South Wales (NSW) State Budget 2018-19 was handed down yesterday (19 June).

The NSW Budget included the following funding commitments that may benefit the live performance sector:

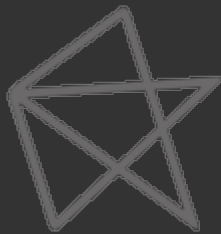
- **\$30m** in 2018-19 from the **Regional Cultural Fund** to support development of arts and cultural activities in regional areas.
- **\$245m** in 2018-19 as part of the NSW Government's \$645m contribution to build a new Powerhouse museum in Parramatta, and undertake master planning for a **creative industries precinct in Ultimo**. Minister for the Arts Don Harwin stated that this would include having market soundings for interest in building a 1,500 seat theatre suitable for a range of live performance, including musical theatre.

The NSW Budget 2018-19 also included:

- **\$10m** as part of a \$55m four-year **Mentally Healthy Workplaces strategy**, including manager training and recovery at work programs, research to help inform ongoing strategies, a media campaign to raise awareness, and mentoring tools to better support businesses.
- a new **Creative Kids rebate** to provide families with a **\$100 voucher per school-aged child**, for extra-curricular activities including music, drama, visual and performing arts, coding and language classes.

Further information on the NSW Budget 2018–19 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the NSW Budget 2018–19 please contact LPA Senior Policy Advisor, Holly Crain [via email](#) or call 03 8614 2000.



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