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LPA Statement on Marriage Equality

Australia's entertainment industry says YES to marriage equality

24 August 2017

Dear Member,

Today LPA released the following statement on marriage equality in Australia:

The time has come for marriage equality.

Australia's live performance industry embraces diversity and strives to promote equality for all Australians, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or physical or intellectual disabilities.

Our industry is one with a high proportion of LGBTQI+ people who are currently being discriminated against by the Marriage Act which fails to bestow them with the same rights as heterosexual couples. Marriage equality would make a material difference to many of our members' lives.

We believe the time has come for the Marriage Act to be reformed to allow same sex couples to marry. Our preference would be for this reform to be determined by the Parliament, but we accept that a postal survey is now a reality. This issue has dragged on for far too long and needs to be resolved once and for all by Parliament as soon as possible after the survey.

LPA supports a 'yes' vote. We encourage all of our members to consider this important issue and where they can support the industry position.

Over the coming months we urge all parties to be respectful of each other and refrain from hurtful language as this issue is debated.

To our LGBTQI+ members we say: we stand with you and look forward to the day when you are treated as equal under law.

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LPA releases joint statement on marriage equality with MEAA and SPA

LPA's statement was released jointly with the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) and Screen Producers Australia (SPA) today. You can read our joint media release [here](#).

How to vote

You have until the end of **TODAY (Thu 24 Aug)** to enrol or update your electoral details to ensure you are eligible to receive your postal survey form. [Click here to enrol or update now](#).

It only takes 10 minutes and can be lodged online.

Pending the outcome of two separate High Court challenges, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has published the following :

- Survey forms will be mailed commencing Tues 12 Sept
- You will receive a survey, reply paid envelope and instructions on how to complete the form
- You must return the completed survey to the ABS address on the return envelope by 6pm (AEST), Fri 27 Oct. Forms received after Tues 7 Nov will not be processed.
- Survey responses will be progressively processed with the final results published Wed 15 Nov 2017

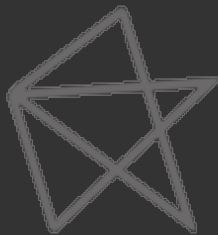
For more information on the formal process, go to the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](#).

For more information

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Yours sincerely,

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