



Federal Election 2019 - Live Performance Industry Welcomes Labor's 'Renewing Creative Australia'

Dear Member,

On Saturday 11 May, the Labor Party launched its Arts and Cultural Policy: 'Renewing Creative Australia' (summary provided below). Following the launch, LPA released a [media statement](#) acknowledging the announcement as a welcome step towards restoring certainty and confidence, and raising the ambition for Australia's cultural industries.

"After years of disruptions to funding and a disjointed policy approach to the cultural sector, it is heartening to see one of our major parties spelling out a strong commitment to supporting and growing our cultural sector through a comprehensive and funded policy approach," said Evelyn Richardson, Chief Executive of Live Performance Australia.

"The revival of Labor's Creative Australia policy approach is welcome, ensuring that Australians who create, produce and perform have every opportunity to grow and succeed in their chosen fields," Ms Richardson said.

"It recognises the significance of our artists and creators in our national cultural life, and the scope to achieve so much more at home and internationally.

"Should it win office, LPA looks forward to working with an incoming Labor government on raising the ambition for our cultural industries and helping all Australians realise their full creative and cultural potential," Ms Richardson said.

LABOR POLICY – 'Renewing Creative Australia'

'Renewing Creative Australia' puts forward a comprehensive set of initiatives and funding commitments across the cultural sector to help all Australians realise their full creative and cultural potential. Initiatives announced in 'Renewing Creative Australia' include:

- Restoring funding to the **Australia Council**.
- Supporting **First Nations dance, theatre and music**.
- **Arts infrastructure investment** in training institutions and venues.
- Funding the **Soundtrack Australia music package**.
- Funding support for the **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**.
- Committing to convene a Creative Economy Summit to inform development of a **Creative Economy Strategy 2030**.

Labor's full Arts and Cultural Policy can be found [here](#).

LPA will shortly release its **Report Card - Arts and Cultural Policy** and wrap-up of the election campaign.

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