



LPA Summary: QLD Budget 2019-20

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Queensland (QLD) State Budget 2019-20 was handed down on 11 June.

The QLD Budget included the following funding commitments to benefit Queensland's live performance sector:

- **\$7m** over two years towards the renewal of the Central Energy Plant to maintain environmental conditions and meet increased service demand at the **Queensland Cultural Centre**
- **\$5m** over two years to modernise **Queensland Performing Arts Centre's** lighting via the installation of energy efficient LED lighting
- **\$2m** of additional funding over two years to develop an options assessment to establish an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre** in Brisbane
- **\$12.9m** through contestable funding programs, including the **Organisations Fund, Queensland Arts Showcase Program and Playing Queensland Fund**
- **\$6m** through the Arts Infrastructure Fund to support the revitalisation of existing State-owned arts and cultural facilities, including the **Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts and the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts**.

The QLD Government also introduced changes to payroll tax, including:

- reducing tax payable for small businesses by increasing the exemption threshold to **\$1.3 million**
- introducing a **1% rate reduction** for regional employers
- providing a temporary rebate of up to **\$20,000** to businesses taking on new employees
- continuing the **50% payroll tax rebate** on the wages of apprentices and trainees until 30 June 2021
- increasing the payroll tax rate for employers with taxable wages above **\$6.5 million**.

You can view Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch's Media Statement on the QLD 2019-20 Budget [here](#). Detailed information on the QLD Budget 2019-20 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the QLD Budget 2019-20, please contact LPA Policy Advisor, [Eliza Harris](#) via email or call 03 8614 2000.



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