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Industry welcomes fresh start on festival regulations

Music industry bodies have welcomed the disallowance of the NSW government's rushed music festival regulations as an opportunity for a fresh start on ways to improve safety at music festivals.

The NSW Upper House has voted to disallow the regulations which were rushed through by the Coalition Government before the state election in March. The disallowance motion had been recommended by the Legislative Council Regulation Committee in its report presented last month.

"The Government can now sit down with the industry for some constructive consultation on ways to improve patron safety at music festivals, including steps to reduce drug-related harm," said Evelyn Richardson, Chief Executive of Live Performance Australia.

"From the outset, we have repeatedly expressed our strong desire to work collaboratively with government on our shared commitment to safer festivals.

"Genuine collaboration with industry representatives who have decades of experience in running safe and successful festivals is the best way to promote the safety of festival patrons, while also ensuring NSW continues to enjoy the economic and cultural benefits from a dynamic and diverse music festival industry," Ms Richardson said.

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LPA is the peak body for Australia's live performance industry. Established over 100 years ago in 1917 and registered as an employers' organisation under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, LPA has over 400 Members nationally. We represent commercial producers, music promoters, major performing arts companies, small to medium companies, independent producers, major performing arts centres, metropolitan and regional venues, commercial theatres, stadiums and arenas, arts festivals, music festivals, and service providers such as ticketing companies and technical suppliers. Our membership spans from small-medium and not-for-profit organisations to large commercial entities.

LPA has a clear mandate to advocate for and support policy decisions that ensure industry sustainability and future growth.