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**Live music industry welcomes sensible amendments to NSW Music Festivals Bill**

Music industry bodies today welcomed the sensible amendments to the Music Festivals Bill passed in the NSW Upper House today.

The NSW Upper House has voted to amend the Music Festivals Bill to ensure the establishment of an industry roundtable to enable ongoing consultation and transparency on the operation of the regulations.

Live Performance Australia’s Chief Executive, Evelyn Richardson, said, “Industry has been calling for meaningful consultation for more than twelve months. We’ve also been calling for establishment of an industry roundtable so industry and government can work together to deliver better safety outcomes at music festivals.

“We believe it’s important that the consultation process is set out clearly in the legislation. We welcome the Upper House’s support for this approach,” Ms Richardson said.

“We now look forward to Minister Dominello actually delivering on his commitment to industry, reaffirmed in the Parliament, to convene the first roundtable meeting before the end of the year. We’re ready to sit down and work with government and this industry roundtable provides the mechanism for genuine dialogue,” she 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.