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LPA's Statement in response to the Australian Government's Announcement regarding mass gatherings

Due to concerns about COVID-19, the Australian Government has today advised against organised, non-essential mass gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday 16 March 2020.

We are seeking urgent clarification on the details of the announcement, in particular 'advice' versus a 'government directive', the timeframe for this advice and the details of implementation. The government needs to provide a clear directive as other jurisdictions have done so industry and the public are very clear about what this means. The industry needs to be able to plan and communicate to its audience, artists and staff with confidence in this very difficult time.

The flow on effects of this are huge which is why this morning we called on the Federal Government to urgently work on a plan to support industry immediately, both in the short term and as part of the recovery phase.

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About LPA

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.