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Supporting the creative and cultural sector

Helping the creative and cultural sector get to the other side of the pandemic

The effects of COVID-19 on the creative and cultural sector have been severe. It was one of the first sectors to be hit and continues to feel the effects of COVID-19 as social restrictions are eased.

This Budget delivers around \$300 million to help activate and support the successful re-opening of Australia's creative and cultural sector.

An additional \$125 million for Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund grants will provide essential seed funding for new productions, festivals and events supporting around 230 projects.

To date the program has supported 176 events in locations across Australia, including the Adelaide and Melbourne Fringe Festivals and the Hamilton production.

The Government is supporting the local screen industry to continue to create quality Australian screen content. The \$50 million Temporary Interruption Fund is being extended for a further six months to provide certainty for productions to secure financing and commence filming. To date, over 40 productions have been supported (such as the TV series *Amazing Grace*), with an average of 290 people employed and 140 businesses supported on each production.



The Producer Tax Offset Rate for film has also been retained at 40 per cent, keeping thousands of jobs and businesses in the local production sector.

In addition, the Government is providing \$20 million for the Supporting Cinemas' Retention Endurance and Enhancement of Neighbourhoods (SCREEN) program for business support to help independent cinemas stay open as audiences return.

Over \$25 million is being provided to a range of programs across the arts sector, supporting artist wellbeing and regional arts recovery.

This package builds on the almost \$800 million in targeted support for the creative and cultural sector.