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Welcome to our **Government Wrap** for the week ending 25 November 2022.

In this update, we focus on news and insights from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments of relevance and interest to the arts and entertainment industry.

This week

In Canberra, we met with officials from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations this week to discuss the Fair Work legislation, as well the offices of the Minister for the Arts and Treasurer.

In Sydney we met with the Shadow Minister for the Arts, Night Time Economy and Music to discuss industry issues and the ALP's priorities in the lead up to the NSW state election.

The week ahead

Victorians go to the polls tomorrow Saturday 26 November

It's the final week of sittings for the Federal Parliament for 2022. The Senate will sit for an extra day next Friday as the Government prioritises the passage of its Fair Work legislation (although the Bill is still to be listed for debate.)

LPA will be in Canberra again next week, including to attend the ACCI Business Summit dinner featuring the PM.

Federal: Respect at Work passed

The Government's [Respect at Work legislation](#) has been passed by the Senate after it agreed to amendments to remove the cost protection provisions from the Bill.

The new legislation includes a positive duty on all employers to take '*reasonable and proportionate measures*' to eliminate unlawful sex discrimination, sexual harassment and hostile work environments, as far as possible.

Federal: Copyright reform proposals

The Attorney-General has announced the release of an [issues paper for public consultation](#) as the first stage of a review into whether Australia's current copyright enforcement regime is fit-for-purpose.

Mr Dreyfus said: 'Technology means we can now all enjoy music, television, movies, books and art at the tap of a finger. Australia's creative industry needs an effective copyright system that keeps pace with new technology and protects creators and other copyright owners from the unauthorised use of their works. This review will consider whether the copyright enforcement mechanisms in our laws remain appropriate, effective and proportionate.'

Federal: live performance support fund

Officials from the Office for the Arts confirmed at a Senate Estimates committee hearing this week that the Government was not proceeding with its plan for a live performance support fund following the National Cabinet decision to lift COVID isolation requirements. The scheme was announced by the Minister for the Arts in [September](#) and was proposed to run from November until February next year.

Federal: Screen Australia appointments

Ms Marta Dusseldorp, Ms Sacha Horler and Mr Nicholas Pickard [have been appointed](#) as members of the Screen Australia Board.

Victoria: Live music election commitments

The [ALP](#) and [Coalition](#) have announced their commitments for Victoria's live music industry as part of the state election campaign.

ACT: Canberra Theatre redevelopment shortlist

The ACT Government has [announced](#) Architectus, DesignInc and Hassell as the preferred shortlisted tenderers to participate in the next phase of the procurement process which will run until the first quarter of 2023 for the Canberra Theatre redevelopment project.

In the media

LPA co-signed a [letter to the Prime Minister](#) along with other industry groups calling for an immediate and appropriate investment to support the launch next month of the National Cultural Policy.

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