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LPA congratulates Premier Andrews on election win

Live Performance Australia has congratulated Premier Dan Andrews on the return of the Labor Government following the Victorian state election.

LPA Chief Executive Evelyn Richardson said: 'LPA looks forward to working with the Andrews Government in building a dynamic and vibrant arts and entertainment industry in Victoria.

'The performing arts, live music, festivals and major events are the defining feature of Victoria's vibrant cultural and social life and make a significant economic contribution right across the state.

'As the industry rebuilds and recovers from the impact of the pandemic, the Andrews Government commitment to invest \$34 million in the live music industry, will be a welcome and much needed confidence building measure along with major projects such as the Melbourne Arts Precinct.

'State governments play a critical role in driving the growth and vitality of our live performance industry, and the Andrews Government already has a strong track record in its support for the arts and entertainment.

'We look forward to making the most of the opportunities ahead and working with government, including addressing challenges such as our significant skills gaps and rebuilding capability for all of our companies and businesses across the state,' Ms Richardson said.

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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.