



MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTERS

Communique

A meeting of Arts and Cultural Ministers was held in Brisbane today, Friday 22 September 2017.

Attendees

Australian Government: Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for the Arts

Australian Capital Territory: Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA, Minister for the Arts and Community Events

New South Wales: The Hon Don Harwin MLC, Minister for the Arts

Northern Territory: The Hon Lauren Moss MLA, Minister for Tourism and Culture

Queensland: The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts and Ms Jennifer Howard MP, Assistant Minister of State Assisting the Premier

South Australia: represented by official Mr Peter Louca, Executive Director, Arts South Australia

Tasmania: represented by official Ms Jacqui Allen, Deputy Secretary, Cultural and Tourism Development, Department of State Growth

Victoria: represented by Ms Judith Graley MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education

Western Australia: The Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Heritage, Culture and the Arts

Observers

Mr Tony Grybowski, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Council for the Arts

Mayor Damien Ryan, Vice-President, Australian Local Government Association

Ms Karen Adair, Group Manager, Policy and Sector Performance, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, New Zealand

Invited guests

Mr David Berthold, Artistic Director, Major Brisbane Festivals

Apologies

South Australia: The Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts

Tasmania: The Hon Will Hodgman MP, Premier and Acting Minister for the Arts

Victoria: The Hon Martin Foley MP, Minister for Creative Industries

New Zealand: The Hon Maggie Barry, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Meeting summary

Welcome to Country was presented by Songman Eric of the Turrbal People.

At this meeting Ministers:

- Acknowledged the cultural and economic value of authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander products, noted the work being undertaken by the Australian Government on issues associated with the distribution of inauthentic products, and agreed to continue to work together to address these issues.
- Noted the opportunities and challenges regarding current screen production incentives in Australia and agreed to discuss this item further.
- Noted the findings of the Diversity in the Arts survey and agreed to work together to further promote diversity in leadership across arts and cultural institutions in Australia.
- Considered the *National Framework for Governments' Support of the Major Performing Arts Sector* and tasked Officials with identifying opportunities to strengthen the Framework.
- Noted the 'guiding principles' and the entry of Victorian Opera into the Major Performing Arts Framework in 2018, and agreed to provide views on recommendations by Monday 6 November 2017. The Response to the National Opera Review Final Report and the National Opera Review Final Report are both available at the [Department of Communications and the Arts](#) website.
- Endorsed and released the 2013-2015 Evaluation of the National Arts and Disability Strategy, and acknowledged the important contribution of the arts disability sector.

Ministers also agreed to commence implementing the Evaluation recommendations immediately, and agreed to progress the ARTfinder National project. The report is available at the [Department of Communications and the Arts](#) website.

- Welcomed the presentation by Mr David Berthold, Artistic Director of Brisbane Festival. Ministers acknowledged the work of the Confederation of Australian International Arts Festivals in administering the Major Festivals Initiative and supporting the arts and cultural sector in Australia.
- Welcomed the Northern Territory Minister for Tourism and Culture the Hon Lauren Moss MLA, and the presentation on the Northern Territory Government's investment in arts and culture. Ministers acknowledged the dynamic work being done in the arts and cultural sector in the Northern Territory especially in regional and remote communities.
- Noted the progress of the implementation of the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy Policy Framework.
- The 2018 Meeting of Cultural Ministers will be chaired by Australian Capital Territory.

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