

Music Festival Roundtable

19 March 2021



Outcomes and Next Steps

The Music Festival Roundtable provides government agencies, lawmakers, regulators and industry stakeholders the opportunity to strengthen relationships, share information, address members' priorities and tackle emerging issues impacting music festivals in NSW.

It is established by the Minister for Customer Service under the *Music Festivals Act 2019*, with its functions specified in the Act and which include supporting the growth of the music festival industry in NSW and the safety of patrons. Membership of the Roundtable is also outlined in the Act and comprises equal distribution of government and industry representatives.

Joint statements about key meeting topics and outcomes are published below:

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- The fifth Music Festival Roundtable was held on 19 March 2021. The government co-chair was John Tansey, Executive Director Policy & Strategy, Better Regulation Division, Department of Customer Service and the industry co-chair was Julia Robinson, General Manager of the Australian Festival Association (AFA).
- The Roundtable agreed for the current draft of the NSW Government response to the review of the *Music Festivals Act 2019* to be circulated to all members out of session, inviting initial feedback.
- Julia Robinson from the Australian Festival Association presented an overview of the current state of the Festival Sector. Members noted the very significant, detrimental impact of COVID on the sector and noted the differences in restrictions between states and territories.
- Evelyn Richardson from Live Performance Australia shared a proposal for a 'Live Entertainment Business Interruption Fund' to support the sector to risk manage specific cancellation risks of events due to COVID. The proposal will seek support from Federal & State governments.
- Penelope Pedersen from Local Government NSW proposed that the Roundtable work closely with the new Sydney's 24 hr Economy Commissioner. Roundtable members supported inviting the Commissioner to be a guest speaker at the next Roundtable meeting.
- Penelope Pedersen discussed the development of a 'roadmap' outlining the proposed stages for easing/tightening of COVID-19 restrictions related to music festivals. Members agreed that government representatives would discuss this prior to the next Roundtable.
- John Tansey provided an update on the development of a planning guide to support the music festival industry. This was a result of the Regulatory Mapping Workshops held at the end of 2020. Roundtable members will be provided with regular updates on its progress.
- Nicola Taylor from Liquor & Gaming NSW provided an update on a new approach towards Liquor Licencing for festival organisers. It was noted that consolidated licence conditions apply for new, on-premises (catering services) licences. It was noted this will reduce cost, duplication of processes and simplify the process for music festival organisers.
- Nicola Taylor provided an update on the development of Safety Management Plan templates. It was noted that an initial draft will be circulated for formal Roundtable consultation with opportunities for feedback.

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- Next roundtable meeting scheduled for 19 May 2021

Attendee List

Roundtable attendees	Organisation
John Tansey	Department of Customer Service
Natasha Luschwitz	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Dr Catherine Francis	Ministry of Health
Daniel Madeddu	Ministry of Health
Julia Messner	Ministry of Health
Dean Johnson	NSW Police
David Dutton	NSW Ambulance
Phil Ventham	Destination NSW
Augusta Supple	Create NSW
Julia Robinson	Australian Festival Association
Jessica Ducrou	Australian Festival Association
Tara Benney	Australian Festival Association
Nicholas Pickard	APRA AMCOS
Emily Collins	Music NSW
Evelyn Richardson	Live Performance Australia
Annabelle Herd	Australian Recording Industry Association
Penelope Pedersen	Local Government NSW
Elizabeth Roberson	Local Government NSW
Vanessa Seagrove	Unions NSW
Advisors	Organisation
Marcel Savary	Liquor & Gaming NSW