

Music Festival Roundtable

4 December 2019



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 first meeting of the Music Festival Roundtable was held on 4 December 2019. The government chair was Mr John Tansey, Executive Director Regulatory Policy, Better Regulation Division, Department of Customer Service on behalf of Ms Rose Webb.
- Music festival industry representatives appointed Julia Robinson, General Manager of the Australian Festival Association, as the industry co-chair of the Roundtable.
- The Roundtable discussed the governance and administration arrangements which will be overseen by the co-chairs. Members agreed on the need for public transparency and that a record of outcomes produced by co-chairs be published on the Liquor & Gaming NSW website following each meeting.
- The Roundtable members resolved that updates on topical issues by members would be provided to and discussed at each Roundtable meeting. Topical issues raised during this meeting included, but were not limited to, potential regulatory gaps and overlaps, safety management plan approval process and harm minimisation strategies. The Roundtable resolved to discuss the coronial inquest recommendations at the next meeting.
- The Roundtable subsequently established an issues register which includes appropriate actions to address key issues identified by the Roundtable. Current issues include: potential regulatory gaps and overlaps, rural festival locations, bushfire preparedness and accessibility to potable water; consistent user charges and licence conditions; and approval timeframes.
- The Roundtable also discussed planning for the review of the operation of the *Music Festivals Act 2019* in relation to music festivals held between November 2019 and April 2020, as required by section 19 of the Act.
- It is currently anticipated that the next music festival Roundtable meeting will be held in March 2020.

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- Members were invited to provide feedback to the Roundtable Secretariat on the proposed Music Festival Roundtable Terms of Reference, and the proposed plan for the review required by section 19 of the *Music Festivals Act 2019*.
- Confirmation of future Roundtable meeting dates.

Attendee List

	Members	Organisation	Role	Attended
1	Adelle Robinson	Australian Festival Association	AFA Committee Member and Director, Fuzzy Operations	Yes
2	Augusta Supple	Create NSW	Senior Manager, Strategic Projects and Engagement	Yes
3	Dan Rosen	Australian Recording Industry Association	Chief Executive Officer	Yes
4	David Dutton	NSW Ambulance	Deputy Commissioner and Executive Director, Clinical Operations	Yes
5	Emily Collins	Music NSW	Managing Director	Yes
6	Evelyn Richardson	Live Performance Australia	Chief Executive	Yes
7	Jessica Ducrou	Australian Festival Association	AFA Committee Member and Co-Chief Executive Officer Secret Sounds	Yes
8	John Tansey	Department of Customer Service	Executive Director, Policy and Strategy and Roundtable Government Co-Chair	Yes
9	Julia Robinson	Australian Festival Association	General Manager and Roundtable Industry Co-Chair	Yes
10	Dr Kerry Chant	NSW Ministry of Health	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health	Yes
11	Cr Linda Scott	Local Government NSW	President	Yes
12	Lisa McGill (for Marg Prendergast)	Transport for NSW	Associate Director, CBD Planning	Yes
13	Dr Michelle Cretikos	NSW Ministry of Health	Director, Clinical Safety and Quality, Centre for Population Health	Yes
14	Mick Willing	NSW Police	Assistant Commissioner, Commander Central Metropolitan Region	Yes
15	Natasha Luschwitz	Department of Premier and Cabinet	Executive Director, Strategic Coordination Branch	Yes
16	Nicholas Pickard	APRA AMCOS	Director Public Affairs and Communications	Yes
17	Phil Ventham	Destination NSW	Director Key Events	Yes
18	Tara Benney	Australian Festival Association	AFA Steering Committee Member and Director, Strawberry Fields	Yes
19	Vanessa Seagrove	Unions NSW	Assistant Secretary	Yes
20	Luke Walton	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Executive Director, Planning Policy	Apology