

# Music Festival Roundtable

## 9 November 2022



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## Outcomes

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The Music Festival Roundtable (the Roundtable) provides government agencies and industry stakeholders the opportunity to collaborate, share information, address members' priorities, and discuss emerging issues impacting music festivals in NSW.

The Roundtable was formed under the *Music Festivals Act 2019* (the Act), the functions are specified in the Act. These include supporting the growth of the music festival industry in NSW and the safety of patrons. Membership for the Roundtable is outlined in the Act and comprises of equal distribution of government and industry representatives. Joint statements about key meeting topics and outcomes are published below.

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- The eleventh Roundtable was held on 9 November 2022 in Sydney.
- The government co-chair was James Hebron, A/Chief Executive Officer, Hospitality and Racing, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade (DEIT) and Julia Robinson, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) was the industry co-chair. Julia Robinson chaired the meeting.
- Discussions around the collection of and sharing data for events was raised by industry. NSW Police have agreed to investigate information sharing opportunities and will provide some statistical analysis of data and trends at the next meeting.
- A report was provided regarding a trend emerging internationally around canned opioid sprays being used at festivals. The Roundtable discussed the report and potential health and safety impacts on festival participants. The situation will require ongoing monitoring.
- Some current evidence has indicated that there has been a reduction in the number of festival attendees presenting for medical assistance. The figures show a 42% reduction for intoxicated attendees and 50% reduction in ambulance transfer.
- There are currently no Health Orders in place that will impact the festival season. NSW Health is currently monitoring Japanese encephalitis and Monkey Pox and will keep a watching brief and report to the group if there are changes or action is required.
- Industry reported that late ticket purchases by festival goers was causing planning issues for festival companies specifically related to the number of support staff and lodging the Safety Management Plans.

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- Festival organiser's and NSW Police compared behavior at a particular festival on a day where no music or entertainment was available with the following day where music programming was active and noted a distinct decrease in problematic behavior associated with intoxication.
- The Music Festival Subcommittee has met twice. The discussion focused on timing and the process around Safety Management Plans. Liquor and Gaming NSW will work with industry to develop a timeline and process fit for purpose.

### *Next meeting*

- The next Roundtable meeting will be held on March 29, 2023.

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### Attendee List

Roundtable Members	Organisation
James Hebron	Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
Luke Hanley	Destination NSW
Angela Matheson / James Wilson (Proxies for Daniel Madeddu)	Ministry of Health
Brett McFadden	NSW Police
Rahat Kaul	Transport for NSW
Claudia Carr (Proxy for Natasha Luschwitz)	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Wayne McKenna (Proxy for David Dutton)	NSW Ambulance
Julia Robinson	Australian Recording Industry Association
Penelope Pedersen	Local Government NSW
Emily Collins	Music NSW
Jessica Ducrou	Australian Festival Association
Mitchell Wilson	Australian Festival Association
Adelle Robinson	Australian Festival Association
Vanessa Seagrove	Unions NSW
Meeting Guests and Observers	Organisation
Gabbie Gallagher	Liquor and Gaming NSW
Daniel Rose	Liquor and Gaming NSW
Matthew Richards	NSW Police Force
David Smith	Minister Franklin's Office