



# ARTS AND CULTURE TRUST

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Dear Minister

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT – ARTS AND CULTURE TRUST BOARD**

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to provide this Statement of Intent that sets out how the Board of the Arts and Culture Trust (ACT) will respond to and deliver on the expectations outlined in your Statement of Expectations dated 16 March 2026.

The Board acknowledges its responsibilities under the *Arts and Culture Trust Act 2021 (WA)* and affirms its commitment to strong governance, financial sustainability and the delivery of cultural, social and economic value for Western Australia.

### **Alignment with Government Priorities**

The ACT Board confirms its intent to align its strategic oversight, decision-making and performance monitoring with:

- the Western Australian Government's priorities articulated in *Our Priorities for Government 2025–2029*;
- the objectives of the *Arts and Culture Trust Act 2021 (WA)*; and
- ACT's 2024–2027 Strategic Plan.

The Board will ensure these frameworks are reflected in ACT's strategic and operational plans and reviewed regularly to ensure continued relevance and alignment.

### **Diversifying the Western Australian Economy**

The Board recognises ACT's pivotal role in supporting a vibrant and sustainable creative economy.

The Board intends to:

- actively oversee the strategic management and optimisation of ACT's cultural infrastructure to grow patronage and community engagement;
- support programming that provides meaningful employment and development opportunities for Western Australian's working in the creative industries, including but not limited to arts, cultural and screen industry workers, practitioners, organisations and Resident Companies; and
- encourage initiatives that stimulate broader economic activity across supply chains, tourism, retail and hospitality sectors.

The Board will also support management to identify and pursue partnerships, innovative funding models and new opportunities that contribute to economic diversification and sector resilience.

## **Perth Film Studios**

The Board confirms its intent to support the responsible management and operation of the Perth Film Studios. This includes:

- overseeing ACT's role in managing the studio operator and monitoring performance;
- ensuring alignment with *Creative WA: A 10-Year Vision* and the *Western Australian Screen Industry Strategy 2024–2034*; and
- keeping the Minister appropriately informed of significant developments, risks and opportunities.

## **Other Strategic Infrastructure Projects**

The Board acknowledges its role as a steward of the State's cultural assets and ACT's role to advocate for the long term benefit these assets need to deliver for Western Australia. As such the importance of ACT's leadership role in major cultural infrastructure projects is at the forefront of the Board's agenda. The Board commits to:

- support planning for the successful opening and operation of the Perth Cultural Centre as an accessible, inclusive and vibrant cultural precinct;
- play a proactive governance role in pre-operational planning for the Perth Concert Hall redevelopment, ensuring the project is delivered with ambition and long-term public value; and
- support the delivery of any future projects as requested by the Minister.

## **Sector Leadership and Resident Companies**

The Board affirms its leadership role within the creative industries and its intent to:

- work with the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport to develop and implement a clear Resident Company Policy;
- ensure the policy establishes transparent criteria, processes and a consistent suite of benefits; and
- oversee consistent and respectful application of the policy in ACT's relationships with Resident Companies.

## **Work Health and Safety**

The Board is committed to ensuring ACT continues to meet its legislative obligations and drive a proactive work health and safety culture. The Board will:

- maintain oversight of WHS systems, performance and risk management; and
- support continuous improvement to ensure ACT is a safe environment for employees, artists, audiences and visitors.

## **Procurement**

The Board is committed to ensuring ACT continues to conduct all procurement activities in accordance with relevant Western Australian legislation and frameworks; while also ensuring that ACT supports access and reasonable opportunity to local businesses to engage with ACT.

## **Financial Management and Sustainability**

The Board acknowledges that financial sustainability is a critical priority and commits to:

- overseeing strategies to improve efficiency, diversify revenue streams and strengthen partnerships;
- ensuring robust asset management and protection arrangements;
- maintaining a Strategic Asset Management Plan that clearly identifies capital works and future budget requirements; and
- maintaining an effective internal audit function proportionate to ACT's risk profile.

## **Performance, Capability and Governance**

The Board affirms its commitment to strong governance and continuous improvement. The Board will:

- support renewal processes that promote diversity, fresh perspectives and an appropriate mix of skills and experience;
- embed succession planning and regular performance evaluation for the Board and its committees; and
- periodically review Board and committee composition to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

## **Government Policies and Advice**

The Board commits to:

- considering broader whole-of-government impacts and policy settings in its planning and decision-making;
- seeking compliance with relevant Premier's Circulars, Public Sector Commissioner's Circulars and Treasurer's Instructions; and
- providing accurate, timely and transparent advice to the Minister on significant matters, including prompt notification of any non-compliance and actions taken.

The Board will ensure the Minister's office is kept appropriately informed of critical issues and will support regular briefings, including a mid-year progress report against agreed objectives.

The Board welcomes the Minister's Statement of Expectations and confirms its commitment to working constructively with the Minister and Government to deliver strong governance, sustainable operations and enduring cultural value for Western Australia.

The Board agrees to publish this Statement of Intent alongside the Statement of Expectations on ACT's website, as requested.

Yours sincerely



Morgan Solomon  
Board Chairperson

23 April 2026