

## FACT SHEET

### *Cultural and Creative Industries Bill 2017*

This legislation provides a new framework for the provision of assistance to Tasmania's cultural and creative industries sector.

The Bill reinforces the principle of peer assessment in the decision making process, enabling the creation of expert panels to assess and provide recommendations to the Minister for the provision of assistance across the sector.

Consistent with current arrangements, the Minister is the person provided with the power to make decisions on the provision of assistance to the sector.

The core elements of the Bill are:

- The Minister may approve the provision of assistance for the purpose of the promotion of the cultural and creative industries;
- The Secretary of the Department of State Growth can develop programs for the provision of assistance for the Minister's approval;
- The Minister is to approve programs that form the basis for the provision of assistance to the sector;
- The Minister can create a register of experts who will act as members of panels to assess applications made under approved programs;
- The Secretary is to appoint panels of experts from the register, who are experts in the relative field to assess applications and make recommendations on the provision of assistance;
- Provides that an expert panel is to consider applications and make recommendations on the provision of assistance to the Minister;
- Prohibits any person from influencing or directing a panel in the determination of its recommendations;
- Allows panels to request the provision of secretariat services, and to request and receive advice from the Department in the process of assessing applications;
- Allows the Secretary and the Minister to delegate their powers;
- Provides confidentiality and conflict of interest provisions as well as providing protection for panel members in performing their functions in good faith;
- Sets out provisions that provide for dissolution of the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board; and
- Repeals the *Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board Act 1975*.

This legislation is part of a broader reform of the institutional arrangements that form the basis of the provision of advice on policy and the provision of assistance to the sector in Tasmania.