

## THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

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## Supporting the return of Australian live music

Applications are now open for the fourth round of the Morrison Government's \$20 million Live Music Australia program, designed to bring more home-grown music to Australian stages.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the Government is providing \$2.5 million in funding under this round to support venues in their recovery from the pandemic.

"As COVID-19 restrictions ease across the country, this targeted funding is vital for venues to rebuild their capacity so they are ready to welcome audiences back - to enjoy original live Australian music," Minister Fletcher said.

"I encourage pubs, clubs and venues around the country to apply for this round of funding – whether they are located in suburban, regional or remote areas – we're committed to getting this nation's music industry back on its feet."

Under the program, the Morrison Government has invested more than \$8 million to support more 300 live music venues and the recovery and sustainability of the live music sector.

For more information about Live Music Australia visit <u>arts.gov.au/contemporary-music</u> and to apply for Live Music Australia funding visit <u>arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/live-music-australia</u>. Applications close at 11.59pm on 20 December, 2021.

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