

Creative Industries Ministerial Advisory Council

Meeting 1 summary

Synopsis

The inaugural meeting of the Creative Industries Ministerial Advisory Council was held in Darwin on **Wednesday, 6 October 2022**. The primary focus of the meeting was on the induction of members, review of the Creative Industries Strategy and key strategic initiatives, including the Arts Trail and the Textile Printing and Fashion Manufacturing Hub, and confirmation of the Council's initial priorities, as established by the Minister. These include (a) the strengthening of creative industries representation in Government policy development and decision-making; (b) inclusion and access in the creative industries; and (c) workforce and enterprise development. The Minister emphasised that the purpose of the Council is to foster open and honest dialogue about issues facing the sector and to facilitate collaboration between the public sector and industry.

Attendees

- Hon Chansey Paech, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Council members: Ms Shelagh Magadza, Ms Helene George, Mr Philip Watkins, Mr Mark Smith, Ms Judith Lovell, Mr Ben Graetz
- Northern Territory Government:
 - Mr Ken Davies, CEO, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC)
 - Ms Helena Wright, General Manager, Community Participation and Inclusion, TFHC
 - Ms Gail Carnes, Manager, Creative Industries, Community Participation and Inclusion, TFHC
- Apologies:
 - Ms Elena Madden, Council member
 - Ms Angela Hill, Director, Arts Trail and Remote Arts, Arts and Culture, Community Participation and Inclusion, TFHC

Key discussion points

Induction of members: The Terms of Reference was reviewed and proposed clarifications discussed. Governance processes, time commitment and remuneration were also discussed, along with available Departmental secretariat support and resources.

Strategic initiatives: An overview of strategic initiatives for support and development of the NT creative industries was provided by Department staff. These included the Arts Trail, including a connecting corridor between Adelaide and Darwin, and the Textile Printing and Fashion Manufacturing Hub. The need for a strong creative industries voice in Government policy development and decision-making was also discussed, as was focus areas for overall support and development of the Northern Territory creative industries.

Economic contribution of the creative industries: Department staff provided an overview of the analysis by Ernst and Young into the economic contribution of the creative industries in the Northern Territory, as summarised in the Creative Industries Strategy. Feedback was provided to the Minister on the methodology used in conducting the analysis, the inclusion of the volunteer workforce and how the data can be updated in future iterations of the Strategy.

Representative body for the creative industries:

Meeting outcomes

Terms of Reference: The Council agreed to review the Terms of Reference with a view to clarifying the Council's scope and responsibilities.

Officers: The Council would nominate individuals for the roles of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Minister's consideration at the next meeting.

Communications plan: It was agreed that a communications plan for the Council would assist in ensuring that the sector and broader general public are informed about the activities of the Council.