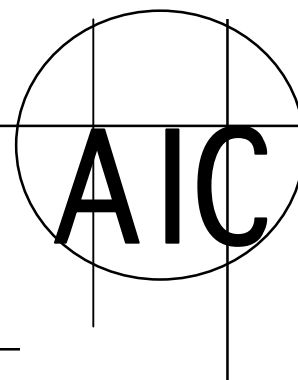


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Dear Premier,

A number of Arts Industry Council Victoria (AICV) members have recently contacted our office, concerned that the outcomes of several Arts Victoria funding programs including Multi-year Operations funding and the Arts Development stream are yet to be announced.

The Arts Victoria website advertises the closing date of Multi-year Operations as 29 July with funding results announced "approximately 12 weeks from the closing date". Arts Development applications closed 1 August for projects beginning from 1 January 2012.

Our understanding is that applicants have not been given a reason for the apparent delay, nor a timeframe in which the relevant announcements will be made. The AICV is concerned by the consequent impact on the ability of arts organisations to plan operations into the new-year and urges an immediate resolution of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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