

2014 Victorian State Election

In the lead up to the 2014 Victorian State Election, the Arts Industry Council (Vic) posed nine questions (distilled from consultation with our members over the first half of 2014) to representatives from all interested political parties.

The questions posed were:

- How does your party define the cultural value of the arts?
- How does your party define the social value of the arts?
- How does your party define the economic value of the arts?
- For the next four years, what are your arts priorities?
- Do you see a role for the government in working holistically with the arts across different portfolios? If so, what strategies will you implement to achieve a holistic approach?
- Will you commit to increasing consultation and engagement with the industry? If so, how will you resource that?
- Where do you see the gaps in participation in the arts, as audiences, artists and the arts workforce? What will you do to reduce the gaps?
- To retain and enhance Victoria's cultural leadership, what will you do to support the creation of work, experimentation, and research and development?
- In a tight fiscal climate, how can you provide improved access to space for artists' creation and presentation? What strategies will you implement to activate existing spaces, outdoor spaces, etc?

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