

New South Wales

# Creative Statement to Parliament Bill 2025

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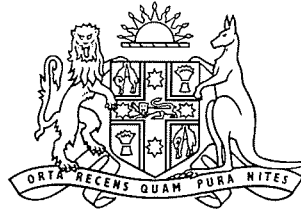
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*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council*

*Clerk of the Parliaments*



New South Wales

## **Creative Statement to Parliament Bill 2025**

No           , 2025

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### **A Bill for**

An Act to require the preparation and tabling of a statement to Parliament about the creative industries in New South Wales.

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*The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.*

*Legislative Assembly*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—</b>	1
<b>Part 1 Preliminary</b>	2
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	3
This Act is the <i>Creative Statement to Parliament Act 2025</i> .	4
<b>2 Commencement</b>	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
<b>3 Definitions</b>	7
In this Act—	8
<b>arts and culture</b> means—	9
(a) performing arts, including cabaret, circus, comedy, dance, drama, music and theatre, or	10 11
(b) visual arts and crafts, including drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, printing and sculpture, or	12 13
(c) music, including classical and contemporary composition, performance and recording, or	14 15
(d) literature, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and prose, published in books, newspapers and magazines, whether print or digital, or	16 17
(e) media arts, including broadcasting, news, radio and screen and digital games.	18
<b>creative industries</b> includes the following—	19
(a) the arts and culture sector,	20
(b) the First Nations culture sector,	21
(c) the cultural institutions sector, including archives, galleries, libraries and museums,	22 23
(d) the architecture, design and fashion sector,	24
(e) the built and physical heritage sector,	25
(f) the arts and culture education sector,	26
(g) creativity in the food and beverage sector,	27
(h) creative innovation in the technology sector,	28
(i) another sector or industry prescribed by the regulations.	29
<b>health</b> , of the creative industries, means sustainably positive economic, environmental, ethical and operational conditions that support the long-term viability of the creative industries for continuing social benefit.	30 31 32
<b>Statement</b> —see section 5(1).	33
<b>Note</b> — The <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> contains definitions and other provisions that affect the interpretation and application of this Act.	34 35
<b>4 Objects of Act</b>	36
(1) The objects of this Act are to—	37
(a) recognise the intrinsic value of arts and culture, and	38
(b) acknowledge arts and culture are a public good and the right to participate in the creative industries is a fundamental human right, and	39 40
(c) promote Ministerial accountability in relation to the creative industries in New South Wales.	41 42

- (2) The objects are to be achieved by requiring the Minister to report to Parliament about—
    - (a) the status, health and progress of creative industries in New South Wales, and
    - (b) progress in implementing the Government’s policies or plans relating to creative industries.
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## Part 2 Creative Statement to Parliament

### 5 Minister to prepare and table Statement

- (1) The Minister must, for each 3-year period, prepare a Creative Statement to Parliament (the *Statement*) about the creative industries in New South Wales.
- (2) The Minister must ensure a copy of the Statement is tabled in each House of Parliament no later than 3 years after the last Statement was tabled.
- (3) The Statement must be made publicly available on a NSW Government website no later than 7 days after being tabled in Parliament.
- (4) A House of Parliament may refer the Statement to a relevant parliamentary committee within 7 days after the Statement is tabled in the House.
- (5) A relevant parliamentary committee to which the Statement is referred must report to the House that made the referral.
- (6) In this section—  
*relevant parliamentary committee* means a committee of a House of Parliament designated by a resolution by the House for this section.

### 6 Purpose and contents of Statement

- (1) The purpose of the Statement is to report to Parliament about—
  - (a) the status, health and progress of the creative industries in New South Wales, and
  - (b) progress in implementing the Government’s policies and plans in relation to the creative industries in New South Wales.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Statement must include the following—
  - (a) a summary of the economic impact of the creative industries in New South Wales, including an estimate of—
    - (i) the contribution to the economy of the creative industries, and
    - (ii) the number of jobs supported by the creative industries, and
    - (iii) the forms of employment and other working arrangements and employment characteristics of persons working in the creative industries,
  - (b) a summary of the activities and investment undertaken by the Government to support the creative industries in New South Wales,
  - (c) an assessment of the sustainability and growth of the creative industries in New South Wales,
  - (d) a report about progress in implementing Government policies and plans relevant to the creative industries.
- (3) Also without limiting subsection (1), the Statement may include the following—
  - (a) a summary of the creative industries in New South Wales, including information about significant partnerships between the State and—
    - (i) the Commonwealth, or
    - (ii) local councils, or
    - (iii) the private sector,
  - (b) a summary of Government support for First Nations creative industries in New South Wales, including reporting on—

(i)	direct support provided by the Government to First Nations creative industries, and	1 2
(ii)	activities undertaken by the Government to improve the participation of First Nations people in the creative industries,	3 4
(c)	a summary of the challenges, both real and potential, facing the creative industries in New South Wales,	5 6
(d)	a summary of the opportunities, both real and potential, available to support the creative industries in New South Wales.	7 8

## **Part 3 Miscellaneous**

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### **7 Regulations**

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The Governor may make regulations about a matter that is—

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(a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed, or

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(b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

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<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Savings, transitional and other provisions</b>	1
<b>1</b>	<b>First Statement to Parliament</b>	2
	The first Statement must be tabled within 18 months after the commencement of this Act.	3
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