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Good Morning,

The crown jewel of Victoria, it's contemporary Arts and Events sector is being neglected into non existence through absolute bureaucratic disregard and inaction.

Growing up in Melbourne, starting in the arts production industries in my early teens and having then spent 35 years working internationally as a Tour Manager, Production Manager and primarily a sound engineer I am watching the complete and utter destruction of a world regarded bastion of excellence.

The attached report brilliantly surmises both the issues and resolutions required to stave off the annihilation of an entire sector. If my industry was a race of people the world would be dragging the Victorian Government to The Hague for genocide on an unparalleled basis.

If you think I am being hysterical, please consider this. For all the technology, logistics and implementation and execution of events to work it requires highly practised and refined personnel with amazingly specific yet broad based skill sets to occur. As it stands right now nearly 90% of these people have had to leave the field and take on work in other fields to pay the bills.

Come September, when the state tries to stage AFL finals, into Spring Carnival into a Grand Prix, 90% (and likely more by then) of the personnel required to make this actually happen won't be there!

The industry need life support RIGHT NOW. Not 3 months after June 30 when a report is tabled. TODAY.

Live music is still being strangled to death with 1 person per 2sqm, events have zero certainty of being able to be held with the 3-6 months of planning required and the skills and capital investment required are being atrophied to non existence.

Act now.

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