

MINISTER'S STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CENTRESTAGE COMPETITION ENTRIES

The call to submit entries to the first stage of the *CentreStage* design competition has now closed.

The first stage of the competition has received a total of forty entries. This is a terrific response to a competition that is of great significance to the performing arts sector and the Western Australian community.

In delivering a design for the first professional performing arts venue to be developed by the State Government, and the first venue of this type to be built in Perth, the *CentreStage* competition must live up to some very high expectations.

The successful design needs to combine form and function to create a venue that is functional and inspiring for performers, and also provides a welcoming and memorable experience for the audience – one that fits into the city's cultural and entertainment landscape.

Thank you to all who have shown an interest in the competition and have entered conceptual designs for consideration by our panel of jurors.

The competition jury will carefully consider all submissions over the next week. The shortlisted entries chosen to proceed to Stage 2 of the competition will be announced soon after.

A selection of the conceptual designs submitted to this first stage of the competition, in addition to the schematic designs of the shortlisted entries, will go on public exhibition in Perth following the completion of Stage 2. I believe the exhibition will provide an excellent window to the depth of talent and innovation that has gone into the submission of designs for the New Performing Arts Venue.

I look forward to learning about the jury's selected finalists, as we move a step closer towards developing a winning design for the State's new performing arts venue.



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