

Media Release

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STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

I am pleased to hear that the Albanese Labor Government has appointed Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation Director and CEO Katrina Sedgwick OAM to the Board of the ABC, ensuring a strong voice for Victoria on our national broadcaster.

As the only Victorian on the Board, Katrina Sedgwick will ensure Victoria's voice is heard while bringing a wealth of experience in arts, screen, and cultural leadership to this important role. In 2020, she was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her outstanding contributions to film, theatre, and visual arts administration.

With more than a decade of significant contributions to Victoria's cultural landscape – including as the former CEO of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and a longstanding career spanning festivals, theatre, and screen—Katrina is uniquely positioned to advocate for Victoria's interests and reaffirm our state's reputation as Australia's cultural capital.

Katrina has also held executive and board positions at the Adelaide Film Festival, Back to Back Theatre, the Australian Children's Television Foundation, Chunky Move, the Art Gallery of South Australia, and the Australian Film Television and Radio School, and served as Head of Arts at the ABC from 2012 to 2015.

Her appointment is not only a win for Victoria but also for the entire country, bringing a vital perspective to the ABC's role in communications, daily news stories, culture, sport, and regional community media.

Katrina will begin her role on 2 October 2024, succeeding outgoing member Peter Lewis, whose term concludes on 1 October 2024.

Katrina will continue to serve in her current role at the Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation while contributing her expertise to the ABC Board, ensuring Victoria's voice is heard and championing the essential role of the ABC in our national discourse.

This appointment to the ABC Board is a significant step in ensuring Victoria has strong representation at the national level. Her extensive leadership in the arts and cultural sector makes her a valuable asset to the Board and to the continued growth of Victoria's vibrant creative industries.