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Mr Frank Hinton
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By email info@aceta.org.au

Dear Mr Hinton,

Technology and Equipment Safety in City Venues

I refer to your letter to the Lord Mayor about technology and equipment safety in the City's venues. The Lord Mayor asked me to respond on her behalf.

All hirers of City venues are required to meet or exceed Australian standards for equipment and technology. Terms and conditions of venue hire also apply to the hirer's agents, employees and contractors, who must be familiar with applicable Work Health and Safety legislation.

Under the NSW *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, the venue hirer is responsible for all aspects of a production held in a City of Sydney venue. At the time of event setup the City carries out spot checks to inspect equipment and ensure it's properly tagged and meets Australian standards. The City also reserves the right to refuse a venue hirer's use of equipment that's deemed unsafe.

The City buys equipment and goods from a variety of distributors, many of which are members of ACETA. Suppliers are responsible for testing, certification, service and warranty of equipment. Independent certification and review of proposed and completed work are carried out as necessary.

Only licensed tradespeople inspect, repair and maintain the City's buildings and equipment. Regular safety inspections are carried out so potential safety issues and areas for improvement in venues are identified early. As an example, City staff recently installed load cells and C1-rated chain motors on all rigging points in Sydney Town Hall to reduce the amount of temporary rigging required for events.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about technology and equipment safety in the City's venues, please contact Melissa Bajugi, Manager – Venue Management, on 9265 9333 or at mbajugi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer

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