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## Cj Hendry's Pink Chairs permanently recline at State Library

'Inflated' pink chairs made by contemporary artist Cj Hendry will be unveiled at State Library of Queensland today.

The bright pink chairs are part of Cj's reimagination of utilitarian seating in public spaces and have appeared as temporary art installations in New York and Venice.

Weighing 130 kg each, the chairs, which look soft but are made of brass, have been installed at the front of State Library at South Bank.

Part of her 'Inflatable' series, the *Pink Chairs* are an experiment in weight and scale by subverting the idea of the usually light and impermanent inflatable chair. The work was gifted to the State Library by the artist.

Cj, who grew up in Brisbane and now lives in New York, has built a global following as a self-made artist on Instagram.

Her hyper-realistic approach to art highlights a fascination with materialism, transforming everyday items and high-end products into sought-after works of art.

State Library holds other work by Cj Hendry including merchandise titled *Cheese*, *Copyright Infringement* and *Straya*.

### Quotes from Education and Arts Minister John-Paul Langbroek:

"The permanent installation of Cj Hendry's Pink Chairs at State Library Queensland is a welcome addition to the vibrant public spaces of the Queensland Cultural Centre.

"This public artwork by an international artist who grew up in Brisbane will enhance the precinct's reputation as a welcoming and vibrant cultural destination and generate conversations about art in our community.

"The Crisafulli Government is proud to support this initiative, delivering on the priorities of *Queensland's Time to Shine: a 10-year strategy for arts and culture* to support a statewide vibrant arts scene as we look to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games."

**Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM:**

"State Library is thrilled to give Cj Hendry's vibrant *Pink Chairs* a permanent home in Queensland's Cultural Centre.

"Cj was one of the most popular guests in our Game Changers conversation series, and we hold several of her works in our collection, including inflatable crowns, wigs and card games.

"Collections such as this help document the extraordinary work of Queensland contemporary artists."

**Quotes from Cj Hendry:**

"I really wanted these chairs to have a home in Australia and State Library felt like the perfect long-term home.

"State Library holds a lot of great memories of being an independent young adult in Brisbane; I would meet friends for coffee at the cafe or wander along the riverwalk.

"People usually approach the chairs with a bit of confusion; they're initially thrown off by the juxtaposition of material and setting. They'll 'kick the tyres' and realise it's solid, not inflated, and then really go for it. They sit; they climb; they look.

"It's really cool to know my work is part of that collection back home."

***Pink Chairs* by Cj Hendry**

On permanent display

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank

**Game Changers** series in conversation with Cj Hendry:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUzibaGBgAg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUzibaGBgAg)

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