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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**28 November 2017**

An Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the music and arts economy in New South Wales. The committee is chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC of the Christian Democratic Party and the committee includes representatives of the Liberal and National parties, the Australian Labor Party and The Greens.

‘The music and arts economy in New South Wales has been the subject of considerable debate and commentary in recent years, particularly following the implementation of the NSW Government’s lockout laws in 2014’, said Mr Green.

‘Roundtable meetings held by the NSW Government in the first half of 2016 to help inform the statutory review of liquor laws by the Hon. Ian Callinan AC QC saw key community, industry and government stakeholders have input into the preparation of a roundtable action plan’, stated Mr Green. ‘The Government provided their response in December last year, which supported most of the actions proposed. This inquiry provides a timely opportunity to consider the Government’s progress in implementing the plan, and consider other ways we can foster a vibrant music and arts economy both in Sydney and in regional New South Wales.’

The committee will consider the NSW Government’s progress in implementing its response to the Night-Time Economy Roundtable Action Plan, policies to support music and arts culture, including permanent and temporary venue spaces, and policy and legislation options in other jurisdictions. The committee will also look at whether local councils are setting realistic noise abatement and environmental impact targets in their consideration of development applications from cafes, restaurants and live music venues.

The committee is currently accepting submissions and the closing date is 28 February 2018. Submissions should be lodged online on the committee’s website. The committee will hold public hearings in the new year.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee’s website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/musicandartseconomy](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/musicandartseconomy).

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