

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

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I submit that a musician has just as vital a role in a healthy society as a teacher , a police worker, a sports person or any other contributing member of a society. What would the local pub of any small rural town in Australia be without a cover band. Art is an important and vital component of a societies mental well being. Look to Sweden and enlightened countries that recognize the importance of the arts. Pay your Artists and Musicians a living wage. Recognize the importance of art and music in education for the mental health and well being of future generations. Fund and support the Arts so that society recognizes the importance of the Arts in a stable, well rounded and healthy society