

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

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You need to have a space for all ages music to occur in Sydney. Music should be allowed for everyone to enjoy, not just the 18+ scene. I was fortunate enough to grow up in Newcastle which at one point had a thriving AA music scene 10 years ago. You say you want to get kids off the street, not doing drugs, not doing this and that. Give them a place where they are safe and free to express themselves. Sport is not just the answer, music is a great way to express yourself.

Give the chance for kids to be able to start their own bands or perform music to their friends. AC/DC were able to perform in bars at a young age, INXS were the same. The law states that a minor can pass through a bar and perform there, but most venues won't allow minors into a bar at all. Also if their favourite band comes to town, they have a space for people to allow them to see them.