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

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I am a musician, producer, DJ, promoter and marketing working in the music industry in Sydney, I do all of these things because music is my life, I struggled with everything else but found my true calling at 21 after years of doing what I thought I should do. I love the scope of grants that Musicnsw and the federal arts council give out, I see many great and hard workers in my community making great strides overseas. However the lockout laws and legislation against live music events in general have made making a living off being a musician alone in NSW impossible, I have friends who have more gigs in other countries than in their Home city of sydney. There needs to be stronger legislation protecting live music against developers and lawbreakers. I am going to coninue trying my hardest to make a living off of music in this city I moved to at 19 looking for the big noisy city.