

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

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Music of any form is an integral part of society; as a person who regularly attends venues to watch live music I know how important such venues are to make NSW a vibrant State. These venues provide employment for staff and artists, provide a sense of togetherness amongst the community and add to the attraction of NSW for tourism.

There needs to be State wide mandatory legislation that forces individual Councils to ensure adequate sound-proofing of new domestic buildings that are created near existing live music venues.

Councils need to have caveats that clearly identify live music venues as an integral part of the local community and ensure residents that purchase domestic property near such venues are aware of the venues and cannot later complain about any noise; trying to close the venue. (As happens time and time again).

There is a saying "you've got to jive, to stay alive" - music is as old as humanity - I call on the NSW Govt. to do whatever they can to ensure a vibrant and flourishing live music industry.