

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

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I am writing in support of keeping live music in pubs and clubs in NSW. I believe live music venues should be able to continue to provide music to the citizens of this state for many reasons without unreasonable restriction that would make this impossible, from a personal point of view as a person with a physical disability riding motor bikes or surfing for example were completely out of the question, listening to music and appreciation it is something I have loved since I was a teenager and has not diminished into my middle age. Most of my network of friends can be traced back to music whether they are musicians, people involved behind the scenes of putting gigs on or venue owners, or fellow music lovers. Through music I have built strong bonds with people that extend outside of music where I feel valued and cared for by these people, this would not have happened without a shared appreciation of live music. In fact a friendship of 30 years started from a mutual love of music and we share many wonderful memories and my wish is that we can share more wonderful times together at live music gigs for many years to come, although it will not happen without government assistance. In general terms some of the reasons I am writing this submission, include the proven scientific facts of the positive effect music has on a person's psychological wellbeing, from personal experience I know this to be true, there has been many times where I have felt amazing at the end of a gig and that feeling has stuck around for many days afterwards. Just as government supports sporting activities to foster community involvement and interaction, I believe the same support should be given to live music venues so musicians, and other associated positions of employment should be able to ply their trade both for members of the general public to enjoy artistic pursuits, and by making a living doing this employees, employers, business owners will make a living and pay taxes which in turn will help fund things like, hospital, schools and roads.