

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

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I am the drummer of a small local metal band called \_\_\_\_\_ from Gosford, in the Central Coast. There is an immensely passionate and hardworking local music on the Central Coast as well as Sydney and Newcastle made up of a variety of genres. Many of these bands know each other well and do our best to support one another - however it is evident that the local scene is somewhat struggling. Though it is full of passionate musicians working hard to get big, there seems to be little support outside of this community. Specifically across the Central Coast, there are almost no viable venues to play shows, and even for the ones that exist (such as ECP Studios in Berkeley Vale and the Rhythm Hut in Gosford), publicity is difficult and at times it can be very hard to spread the word and make these shows big. As such, additional funding for smaller venues for local bands to play at would be highly beneficial, as well as a higher general awareness of the hardworking local scene throughout the broader community.