

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

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There should be stronger support for community-based radio stations all of Australia, with govt funding to set up and potentially run them - eg free licenses for those who meet criteria. They need to remain community sponsored but be allowed to broadcast to a broader audience - ie do not limit the power and range of transmissions as is currently the case. The main issue is lack of reach to communities and restricting broadcast power deprives access by the community. Removing the commercial mandate enables stations to remain focussed on matters that the local community is interested in. CMTA is doing a fantastic job of training volunteers in community radio. Keep it up and even boost funding. The quota for local music needs to be maintained on radio.