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

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Music is an avenue for employment for those gifted musicians and related industries. Live music is spontaneous and allows musicians to express their creativity and engage with the audience. Music keeps us sane, calm, brings out blocked emotions, makes us feel good and happy. It is a creative process coming from a higher source than the human ability range. Music gives balance to other things people enjoy such as sport. The arts are just as important and money should not enter into the equation. Music keeps us sane, healthy and is one of the reasons we are so blessed to be human. Life is tough and music is a tonic that keeps us going. It is necessary for our survival.