

**Submission
No 126**

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

Name: Ms Georgia O'Connor

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As a young musician/creative who lived in Sydney for 7 Years, struggling against oppressive night life laws and artistic underfunding, I recently moved to Melbourne in a hope to pursue creative ventures in a more encouraging environment. The city has live night music and arts performances, there a spaces unrestricted by draconian laws inhibiting people from performing and people enjoying art and the culture of their city.

I miss Sydney, Sydney and NSW are beautiful places. But due to underfunding of the arts, restrictions on where and when you can perform and a council and government that favours older, rich residents and their preference for quiet, I, like many young creatives, are leaving in droves.