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**INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN
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Having meeting places where citizens can gather and share an experience such as a live music performance is vital to maintaining our culture and enhancing social relationships and community cohesiveness. In the age of social media, home entertainment and online activities, many Australians have withdrawn into their immediate environment and opt to stay at home rather than make the effort to meet face to face. Human interactions that follow as a result of attending a live music gig not only benefit the consumer, musicians and venue owners because of the incidental purchases, but also provide a boost to the businesses that transport these people to the event. Humans are hard-wired to need music in order to feed their souls & I believe it is also vital to our mental wellbeing. I implore the government to encourage more venues to provide a place for Australians to gather and listen to the musicians who are generous enough to share their art with us.