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

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I believe the government DOES have a role in the music industry. Here are some key points that I am passionate about.

1. Increased focus on and funding of music in schools. The government funds education and the arts must be a key component of that curriculum. Studies prove that music education is tied to intellect development.

2. Regulations and policies that support and foster a thriving live music scene across NSW. Recent interpretation of state laws and council regulations are not enabling many EXISTING venues to continue live music. These interpretations have critically injured the business, the venues, the employees, and the consumers - particularly in Sydney and the Cross, but in many instances all across the state.

3. While I'm here, I might just put in a plug for getting rid of poker machines in pubs and clubs and online. Gambling hurts more people than it helps and the easy access makes it far too easy for people to dig themselves into a hole they can't get out of. I have a bet myself every now and then, so I'm not against it completely, but it helped strangle the music industry in pubs and I say good riddance.

4. THANK YOU! for getting rid of smoking in pubs. Musicians who work in pubs all across the state are grateful. :)

Sincerely,

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Musician and Concerned Citizen