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

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One of the obstacles to independent artists (musicians/performers) in Sydney has always been the dearth of live music venues. There are many musicians who would happily perform at small venues but there aren't enough of them around. Noise restrictions are prohibitive and there are no real incentives to encourage, for example, local cafes and restaurants to use live music.

Legislation surrounding live music venues has, I realize, been looked at in recent years. What would also be helpful is incentives for local business to include live music and perhaps employ a handful of people to work with various councils and/or regions to bring about more live music. Perhaps this can also include regional NSW. Support for the fledgeling House Concerts Australia website and business should also be considered as part of the issue is the way people prefer to 'consume' live music as well as how it is provided and this is a completely different model for the music consumer.