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

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I love music and enjoy seeing live music events. It's great when you don't have to travel too far to see shows. Unfortunately, when you live in a regional area like Crescent Head on the NSW Mid North Coast, you don't get to see too many live music events unless you travel to Sydney or other bigger areas that require hours of travel.

Our local council, Kempsey Shire Council is actively encouraging, supporting and hosting live music events in our local community and it is great to see local businesses and residents supporting it as well.

Some of the challenges, however, are that the council doesn't receive enough funding to be able to embrace more live music events in our area. The council is the only entity that is actively embracing and making live music happen. No one else is. If there was more funding from state and federal levels to Kempsey Council then more events and music festivals could happen here. Just because we are a small area doesn't mean we should miss out. Examples of success are the Macleay River Festival in September 2016 which brought our whole community together. This was organised by the council. Another recent success was the Festival of Small Halls Tour in Frederickton which saw over 200 residents pack out the School of Arts Hall. It is clear that residents here want and will support more music events here!

Please support more live music events and musicians in regional areas. Just because we are not a metropolitan area does not mean we don't deserve it. More events in regional areas would prevent kids from engaging in anti-social behaviour.