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**INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN
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Music education has been going downhill in NSW for a long time, not just in regional areas but in cities as well. The NSW government needs to put more funding into all sectors of music but specifically music education. Music plays such an important role in the development of kids brains, and has so many benefits both socially and academically but is often pushed to the side by a lot of schools. Specific funding for music programs for schools and universities all around the state would significantly benefit communities. If we continue making arts and music our bottom priority, soon there won't be enough people interested to make it an industry. While maths, science, english etc are great, and we want our country to be doing well in those subjects, music is also extremely important. It provides a language for people to communicate through from around the globe, no matter the country and culture they come from.