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

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Byron Community Centre runs a venue in regional NSW, manages local markets and local events. Live music is an important consideration in all these aspects of our centre.

Live music is an important cultural element in regional communities but needs the support of government to happen.

Due to distance and audience numbers it is often difficult to host small scale live music events.

The state government needs to seriously consider more financial support to small venues. Scale is a real inhibitor to presenting shows that can cover the basic costs.

Small regional venues provide the perfect opportunity for musicians to hone their skills and improve their craft.

Small venues should be seen as the incubators of the music industry and therefore worthy of financial support and encouragement.

Local venues can provide the perfect springboard for the next Silverchair!