

Submission
No 350

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

Name: Name suppressed

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This call for submissions has only come to my attention today.

Children and teenagers trained in playing any musical instrument from any musical genre, including contemporary music, gain life-long skills and enjoyment in making and listening to music. Classical instruments may require more intensive training - this pays off in individuals being able to approach playing other instruments. In addition training in playing a musical instrument improves cognition and other learning skills as well as providing a social context for healthy interaction in the community and other social milieu. I am a music teacher - I teach the cello. I see the benefits in children, teenagers and adults all the time. In addition to playing classical music my students learn creativity through improvisation and they participate in ensembles developing teamwork and social skills - as well as having fun!