

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

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Hon Paul Green MLC
Committee Chair
Portfolio Committee no 6 - Planning and Environment.

Dear Mr Green and others concerned,

As a musician/composer/ performer of many years I urge you to make performance of artistic pursuits and music in particular in public places more available by whatever means necessary. In particular take steps to make it easier for venues to want to present performances of merit by perhaps easing the regulations governing such venues hiring musical offerings. Remember music is a social reflection and musicians need the opportunity to express their social observations in many and varied ways. I admit some presentations are perhaps less than stimulating but the more creative performers need venues and stimulation to be active and add to a possibly richer tapestry.

Bottom line....if performers are not able to earn, and live performance is the most direct way, then NSW may indeed become an even more stagnant cultural pond.

Once again I urge you to rectify a bad situation here.

Thank you
David MacRae