

**Submission  
No 406**

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

**Name:** Mr John Fox

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Hon Paul Green MLC  
Committee Chair  
Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment

Dear Sir

My name is John Fox and after a successful career in business I am attempting to return to the music industry by recommencing, after many years, vocal training and by taking up Blues Harmonica tuition. In my youth and before I commenced my commercial career I was part of a band that performed at local venues – mostly for the love of music and performance (the money was negligible anyway).

That was 55 years ago but my love of music and live performance at all levels continues to bring me great joy, satisfaction and a sense of calm. I particularly enjoy small establishments that open up as venues for performers and audiences alike and I frequently attend gigs at places on the Northern Beaches of Sydney (Collaroy Beach Club, Modus Operandi and The Waterfront at Church Point to name a few, but we need more.

We need to encourage performers/bands by encouraging entrepreneurs to open venues that will give both performers and audiences alike the experience enjoying one of the best therapies in life, Music, without the interruption from incompatible activities e.g. Poker Machines, TV Sport Broadcasting etc.

Please, in your Committee Meetings consider providing the proper environment by recommending regulatory freedom to encourage the creation of new venues.

Regards

John Fox