

**Submission
No 407**

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

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RE: Inquiry in to the music and arts economy in NSW.

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

Dear city,

I am a musician living in a city of 4+ million people! I can not make a living that supports my family and me! I believe I as a musician singer/saxophonist am worthy of making a living.

I have been working as a musician for 30 years!

I have done all sorts of gigs on my journey big time and small time and have somehow eked out an existence, now there is something different happening. There is a loss of community. People do not relate and communicate in the same way anymore. Music and musicians were important for bringing community together.

Greed and lack of foresight is destroying the soul of the city! If we only look after gambling and developers looking to make a quick buck then the city will become dead!

Please start making a plan that includes keeping the city vibrant 24 hours a day.

Poker machines have destroyed the vibe in hotels. Walk into any pub with music and the people are engaged, dancing and talking. Walk into the poker machine area and see the people staring into a screen.

Lockout laws punish all the innocent people who want to have fun. They have decimated the late night soul of the city.

Please help me and the next generations of musicians have a place in our city to do the important work we do. We bring people together.

All though being a musician is a vocation not a job. Very few musicians make millions of dollars so we do not have financial power, and the time and effort to study to be a musician mean very few have time or inclination to be political except in writing music. We actually need the planners and custodians of the city to care about and understand the role we play here.

Please save our city by helping us keep bringing people together.

Yours Sincerely

David Weir

PS what is going on regards Paul Joesphs new venue in xcross call prohibition? They opened the doors and have been shut down after one night? They had a jazz trio there? That is ludicrous!

The beat bar? Was having live music at one stage 7 nights a week across the road from night clubs pumping loud music all night. They have closed down as liscencing and compliance costs have killed there business. The Entertainment precinct in Marrickville voted down by the Greens? What is going on?