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

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my submission to the inquiry of music in NSW.

My name is Hannah Crofts and I am in the band All Our Exes Live In Texas - I lived in Sydney from 2013 to 2017.

I loved living in Sydney and had it been sustainable I would have stayed there forever however as a musician working towards a sustainable international career it is an impossible place to live. The cost of living, the lack of music venues, the lock out laws - each aspect makes it hard to afford to live there along with finding a music community that has a sustainable home. I moved to Castlemaine in Victoria along with so many other musicians in my position - Jem Sholakis from Courtney Barnett's band, Tom Heath from The Basics, Ann Merity from Tina Arena's band - where we have affordable housing, two fantastic music venues that have music constantly throughout the week and make it a possibility to forge a music career. The more NSW shuts out music the more all musicians will leave to find ways to help their careers.

With kind regards,  
Hannah Crofts