

**Submission  
No 430**

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

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Dear Committee,

My name is Vanessa Meagher and I'd like to make a submission to the Inquiry into the music and arts economy. I wanted to write to let you know that the economy around music isn't just about musicians and venues, but that people like me, a trained graphic designer, have felt the impacts of tough regulation and knee-jerk government responses. Beyond seeing our nightlife and musicians struggle, there's also a lot less work for people like me. I have designed many band posters, flyers, CDs and merch for bands – but with the industry being very strapped for cash, this kind of work has slowed for me. While I work full time as a graphic designer, this kind of extra work keeps many other designers afloat and it's important that government recognise this goes way beyond music and musicians.

Thank you.

Vanessa Meagher