

**Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR  
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

**Name:** Mr Rick Robertson

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a professional musician who has for the past 30 years supported myself and my family by performing and teaching music. I am a Saxophone player and Vocalist who was working three or four nights a week gigging with my band subcontracting to venues and paying my band members who subcontracted to me. I also teach kids how to play Saxophone, Clarinet and Flute at my home studio and conduct a couple of concert bands at Narraweena Public School. Up until March I was doing OK.

Last week singing and playing woodwind instruments have been banned at schools in NSW. We are going back to Zoom lessons for the band til the end of the term but as a sub contractor there is no guarantee that this will continue next term. All the venues that I was performing in no longer have live music, and the tour that I had booked for June was also cancelled.

The Job Keeper needs to keep going for the next 6 months. I can't see the music industry getting back on it's feet til next year at least.

Yours sincerely,

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