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INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am an avid supporter of music performances in public for the enjoyment of everybody. I grew up in the 70's and spent many a great night at my local pub dancing to live bands and the feeling of those days still makes me happy. The heady days of seeing AC/DC in concert at the Civic theatre and the Star hotel bands still make me smile.

I have long been entertained by singers/ bands / music in public spaces such as pubs, concert halls, shopping centres, wineries, restaurants & all sorts of open spaces. It is the feel good calming effect of music that tends to unite people wherever they are- a child will often start to dance when listening to music. This positive effect is something that should be fostered in the volatile world in which we live. Music unites people in a way that talking never will !

I support the encouragement of open performances of a musician or bands in any gathering of people. Family gatherings around music should be fostered as a coming together of families to enjoy a picnic and have a dance.

Emerging singers and bands could be encouraged to perform in their local areas with a "Pop-up" stage idea. At least we should be encouraging the continued support of pubs and live music venues. Money spent on the feel good vibes and getting people out & about is money well spent. Hearing the music is what I want to see...<3