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INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Hello,

I have recently lost my job in the Music Industry because the booking agency I worked for is losing venues due to the lockdown laws. These laws are crippling night life in Sydney. I have traveled all over the world and many cities in Australia and I do not know anywhere where these ridiculous laws exist. The lockdown laws were produced to save people but how about teaching people the repercussions of their actions and not make business, professionals, and people that just want to have a good time the rest suffer.

I spent the early years of my teenage life until now hanging out in Newtown. My friends and I wouldn't even consider going there now due to the influx of disrespectful people. I have been sexually harassed and I know friends of mine that have been king hit. The lockdown laws aren't working. Those people have just moved somewhere else. There need to be more reliable ways to decrease violence.

I really hope something can be done so Sydney becomes a cultural hub and not a nanny state. I also hope there will be legislation put in place for live music venues/any venue to protect it from noise complaints and closure.

Regards,

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