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Ms Derigo

I would like to make the following submission to the ACT Government Inquiry into Live Community Events.

I am the Canberra Editor of an online music publication, *FasterLouder*. *Fasterlouder* is a nation-wide online music magazine which focuses on live music in the communities in which we live.

Our organisation is staffed by volunteers who are trying to build a career in photo and music journalism or are just passionate about live music. We are out and about at every live music venue in Canberra, from the youth centre all ages events to the Royal Theatreshows.

I believe live music events are a very important part of the Canberra community and help build a culture and social fabric in this city - something we wish to encourage in a city that is often overlooked and seen as a 'boring government town'.

FasterLouder has an excellent understanding of the music scene in Canberra and have very seldom seen any violence, aggressive or drunken behaviour at these events. Live music events give people something to do and somewhere to be. Live music events nurture young musicians in Canberra as well as provide entertainment and inspiration for those attending the events - without the venues, the future for young musicians, writers and photographers would be rather bleak.

At *FasterLouder*, our contributors range in age from 16 to 40 and make an important and valid contribution to the Canberra arts community. We care about Canberra and help make the city in which we live as vibrant and exciting as possible. A healthy live music scene is integral to a flourishing arts community.

Karen