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Sent: Friday, 5 March 2010 8:48 AM
To: Committees
Subject: Inquiry into Live Community Events

Dear Ms Porter,

I'm writing to you concerning the inquiry into live community events that you are currently considering.

I urge you to consider relaxing the laws relating to noise and live music venues. Live music is an important part of society. I truly miss "Toast", Canberra's best alternative music venue which was forced to close to due complaints from residents, many of who moved after toast was already there. Closures like this means Canberra loses some of it's vibrancy and turns a little bit more into that boring city, which outsiders already believe it is.

The centre of cities are traditionally louder and people moving into those areas would know that before they move. In many cases the venues have been there far longer than the residential buildings. Why should they have the right to come in after the fact and demand the venues be quiet. This defies logic.

As a Canberran I want to live in a vibrant city where I can head into the city centre and enjoy live music, especially local live music.

Please don't let us end up in a situation like Melbourne had recently which saw the forced closing of loved music venues

Sincerely,

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