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**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL  
SERVICES' INQUIRY INTO LIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS INTERIM  
REPORT – DECEMBER 2009**

**Presented by  
Mr Jon Stanhope MLA  
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Ms Mary Porter AM MLA  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works  
and Territory and Municipal Services  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Ms Porter 

I am writing regarding the Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services' Inquiry into Live Community Events Interim Report – December 2009.

I thank you for the Interim report and the important issues which it addresses. As you are aware an Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) has been established to examine the reduction of barriers to the production of live music in the ACT. The Terms of Reference for the IDC are:

- consider the barriers which exist to the production of live music in the ACT in particular in relation to legislation and regulation;
- examine ways in which the barriers to the production of live music in the ACT could be reduced; and
- develop a cabinet submission which addresses these issues.

I would like to advise you that the IDC has met three times and has developed a list of emerging themes for further investigation:

- ways of promoting cultural/social economies in group centres including the consideration of Order of Occupancy provisions;
- improved sound attenuation measures, including for existing community facilities;
- availability of community venues for live events;
- availability of rehearsal spaces and performance venues for developing and emerging bands;
- information for licensed venues regarding the presentation of live music; and
- potential for changes to timing of noise restrictions in group and local centres.

I note that these themes are generally well aligned with the recommendations listed in the Interim Report. I note in particular that Recommendation 9 *that the Committee recommends that the interdepartmental committee further investigate the availability of community venues for live events in the ACT and consider how the ACT government can*

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*better support this need* specifically references the IDC. The IDC has also noted the importance of community venues as both performance and rehearsal spaces and is continuing to investigate the availability of such spaces and the barriers to them being used for contemporary music events.

The IDC proposes to hold targeted consultations with key people in the ACT music industry during the next month and it is hoped that these will further identify barriers to live music performance and possible solutions.

If the Standing Committee would like any further information on the IDC, please contact Nigel Featherstone, Manager, Arts Development, artsACT on 6207 2381.

I look forward to the final outcome of the Inquiry when it is presented to the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stanhope', written in a cursive style.

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister

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