Attention: Mary Porter AM MLA (Chair)

From: Brendan Mackey,

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Re: Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services inquiry into Live Community Events

As part of your committee's inquiry, I wish to bring to your attention the ongoing noise problems associated with nightclubs in Kennedy St Kingston. Every Friday and Saturday night, from about midnight until ~5.00am, the clubs play music at excessively load volumes. Of particular concern are the base frequencies, which travel through our home. We have to keep our (now double glazed) windows close all night, such is the noise level.

This situation is unnecessary and easily avoidable if these venues were to (a) comply with their licence requirements (e.g. close windows/doors, no outside speakers) and (b) the bass frequencies in particular were reduced to a reasonable level.

More generally, we recommend that Kennedy St is not an appropriate location for nightclubs as they face towards homes. The inner Green Square of the Kingston shopping centre is better suited to night club/live music venues as it is less exposed to houses and apartments.

Sincerely,

Branda Markey