

From: James Rann
Sent: Thursday, 8 April 2010 12:31 PM
To: Committees
Subject: noise complaints submission
Hi,

I would just like to voice my view on the current situation with noise complaints threatening the Canberra live music scene. In my opinion it seems unreasonable for existing venues to have to spend large amounts of money adding sound insulation to their premises if a later development has complained (they knew that a live music venue was there when they chose to build, they should have considered it). We have already seen the outcomes of such complaints with the demise of Toast nightclub due to sound complaints. I am sad that I never had a chance to go there before it closed as I have been told that it was a fantastic venue. It was also the closest venue to my house that played music that I enjoyed. Now if I wish to see good live music on a regular basis I have to go to Belconen. This becomes quite a hinderance for me because I live in the woden area. I think that it should be the responsibility of new developments (both residential and musical) to insulate them selves. That is to say, if a new block of flats is built near a venue it should be insulated against the sound from the venue or if a new venue was built near a residential area, it would be the venue's responsibility to provide sound insulation.

These are just my thoughts on the matter.

Yours,

James Rann