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Hi

I think live music in a city keeps a city alive, vibrant, healthy.

It builds community. People have fun, laugh, meet new friends, and future partners. It brings visitors. It's a release. It encourages creativity world that is full of negative and terrible things going on.

In our grandparents era they all went to Saturday night dances and often met their future partners and had a sense of community.

Fundraisers are common – to support important causes in our own city and the world.

It encourages wonderful young and old musical talents – like Australian Idol does.

As a dancer and a musician I would much prefer to go to live music. I end up going to Sydney just to hear good music and dance.

Why can't we do that more in Canberra?

Art and culture survive for thousands of years and are highly valued by future generations – and live music is a critical part of that tradition.

We learn about different cultures.

Music brings people together – it brings down all barriers, including racism. Electronic music does not do this nearly to the same extent.

MacGregor Hall must be saved to carry on this link with tradition and our past – the only old style building left in Civic.

Thank you for listening.

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