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Ms Mary Porter AM MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works  
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Dear Ms Porter

I am writing this submission based on the experiences of my son who was a member of two local bands from 2004-2007. I have no affiliation with the music industry or accommodation venues.

There seems to be an ever increasing number of units/apartments etc being built in Civic and to a lesser extent the town & suburban centres. Once established & occupied the residents would then appear to be the major source of complaints about noise from live music venues. Several of the venues where my son's bands played have either closed or been restricted. On my visits to venues to either drop off or collect band members &/or equipment the people at the establishments were enjoying the music and the social aspects of the occasions.

The residential building codes for these locations should be amended to include greater soundproofing. Imagine the complaints if Canberra traffic created the extended noise periods that are in evidence in Sydney. It seems a shame to me that these live music venues are being squeezed out, especially in cases where they were established long before the accommodation was built. This is analogous to the residents of the proposed Tralee development complaining about aircraft noise after they move in!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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