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To: PORTER

Subject: Coordinator Mary Porter - ACT Member MLA (Enquiry into Live Music in the ACT)

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Dear Ms Porter

Re: Noise Enquiry into Live Music in the ACT – CBD

I read with interest the report in the City News (10/6/2010), concerning the continuing enquiry into the live music in the ACT.

I have send a submission to the committee already.

I wish to focus my comments on The Waldorf experience with loud music, and who has the responsibility of containing the noise within the venue/premises

Under the "Order of occupancy laws" The Waldorf Apartments opened in 1999. The Waldorf was established in the first instance.

The bar which (we opened) when we renovated the Akuna building, the bar was always intended to service the patrons from the backpackers.

Subsequently the bar has now been repositioned to attract other patrons. It is our view that now this venue plays live music, the venue has the responsibility to contain the noise within the venue and to manage the noise from their patrons arriving and departing the venue.

The Waldorf is not anti live music venues.

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