



THE WALDORF CANBERRA

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Chair
Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and
Territory and Municipal Services
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Dear Members:

After speaking with Ms Porter this morning concerning the article in the Canberra Times dated the 12th December 2009. Included in the article is a comment from Greens MLA Ms Caroline Le Couteur where Ms Le Couteur states her concern that live music in Canberra was being stifled by restrictive noise pollution standards which made it difficult for venues to host live music at night.

The Waldorf has had issues concerning "Extreme Loud Live Music" from the Transit Bar situated across Akuna St and the bar is located under the YHA.

I wish to make this point "That we (The Waldorf) are not against "live music venues"—not at all. What we object to is that the excess noise (that leaks from venues) and then impacts on the live in owners, tenants, and hotel guests trying to live and sleep at The Waldorf.

The very simple answer to excess noise is for the venue's that play loud music be it "live or amplified" that they have the obligation to "Sound Proof" the venue so that the noise is contained within the premises that hold the event and the excess loud noise does not leak outside the venue premises.

It is completely unfair that another property (residential apartments) have to be subject to excess noise from a neighboring venue.

Regards



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