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**To:** [Committee, Communications \(REPS\)](#)  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Below is a brief outline regarding things that I view as essential for the development and continued growth of Australia's music and entertainment industry.

Live music and entertainment is an integral part of the Australian cultural landscape and it is a vital part of city life. I believe more money needs to be spent to enhance Australia's rich and vibrant music and arts industry. Instead of undermining it or imposing unnecessary laws that hinder its development and take away from its diversity and ability to be enjoyed by all.

I believe that to make this happen the following may be useful (and would certainly be welcomed by many people).

\* lockout laws need to be lifted or extended. Lockout laws hinder our ability to enjoy and consume our cities vibrant nightlife and cultural activities, impose restrictions on venues and make it feel unsafe for people once lockout take place.

\* we need more local live music venues, including small venues. Local live music is a hugely important part of our arts and entertainment industry. We need to support local artists and better provide them with more options for performing.

\* the ABC needs more funding. The ABC is an Australian cultural institution. It is the cornerstone of Australia's live music industry, it actively promotes Australian music artists to Australia and the world. It promotes and supports Australia's music industry and without adequate funding we risk losing such an integral part of our culture, we risk losing through lack of promotion and support our live music scene.

\* music and arts need to be available to people outside of major cities. Rural centres and suburban areas outside of our largest cities are often starved of this type of social and cultural entertainment. There is a huge potential for live music and the arts to thrive in these areas. This is beneficial to areas outside of major cities it creates jobs, avenues for locals to experience cultural events and further promotes local artists.

\* music and arts need to be accessible and affordable for the average person. When major events are on we need better public transport and the price of such events needs to be more affordable. Too often cultural events whether that be sporting, music or the arts are too expensive and thereby exclude people from attending them.

I believe that in order to properly support and further develop Australia's music and arts industry, we need to properly support local artists and the platforms they depend on. This means that we need to also support live music and arts venues and further fund platforms such as the ABC. We need to make events more accessible and affordable so people can partake in Australia's rich cultural landscape and we need venues to be properly supported through laws and funding to make this happen.

Kind regards,  
Chloe Coulson.