

# Hearing Schedule

NSW Legislative Council

Standing Committee on Social Issues



## Inquiry into State of live music in New South Wales

18 May 2026

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney

| Time     | Witness                                        | Position and Organisation                                                                                            | Sub No.            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9.00 am  | <b>PRIVATE MEETING</b>                         |                                                                                                                      |                    |
| 9.15 am  | Ms Emily Collins                               | Head of Sound NSW                                                                                                    | <a href="#">80</a> |
|          | Mr Mike Rodrigues                              | 24 Hour Economy Commissioner and Executive Director, 24 Hour Economy and Sound                                       |                    |
|          | Ms Kerri Glasscock                             | Executive Director, Create NSW                                                                                       |                    |
|          | Ms Karen Jones                                 | Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW                                                                             |                    |
|          | Mr Phil Heads                                  | Group General Manager, Communications, Heritage and Community, Venues NSW                                            |                    |
| 10.00 am | Mr Tom Loomes                                  | Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Policy, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure                | -                  |
|          | Mr Tarek Barakat                               | Deputy Secretary, Hospitality and Racing, Liquor and Gaming NSW                                                      | -                  |
|          | Acting Assistant Commissioner Paul Dunstan APM | Commander, Central Metropolitan Region, NSW Police Force                                                             | -                  |
|          | Dr Sarah Khanlari                              | Medical Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary of Population and Public Health and Chief Health Officer, NSW Health | -                  |
| 10.45 am | <b>MORNING TEA</b>                             |                                                                                                                      |                    |
| 11.00 am | Mr James Steendam                              | Musicians Federal President, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance                                                  | <a href="#">63</a> |
|          | Mr Alex Poirier                                | Musicians NSW President, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance                                                      |                    |
|          | Mr Paul Davies                                 | Campaigns Director, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance                                                           |                    |
|          | Ms Elise Chidiac                               | Organiser, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance                                                                    |                    |
| 11.30 am | Mr Mark Gerber                                 | Deputy, Live Music Venues Alliance and Chief Executive Officer, Founder and Licensee, Oxford Art Factory             | <a href="#">62</a> |
|          | Ms Tam Boakes                                  | Chief Executive Officer, Australian Music Venue Foundation                                                           | <a href="#">85</a> |

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| 12.30 pm | LUNCH                   |                                                                           |                     |
| 1.30 pm  | Mr Chris Gatfield       | Director of Policy, Australian Hotels Association                         | <a href="#">18</a>  |
|          | Mr Simon Sawday         | Director of Government Affairs, Clubs NSW                                 | <a href="#">59</a>  |
|          | Mr Daniel Mitchell      | Chief Strategy and Advocacy Officer, Clubs NSW                            |                     |
| 2.30 pm  | Mr David Reynolds       | Chief Executive Officer, Local Government NSW                             | <a href="#">41</a>  |
|          | Mayor Darcy Byrne       | President, Local Government New South Wales and Mayor, Inner West Council | <a href="#">95</a>  |
|          | Mr Lex Lindsay Davidson | Manager, Cultural Strategy, City of Sydney                                | <a href="#">92</a>  |
|          | Ms Miriam Wassef        | Director of People and Performance, Burwood Council                       | -                   |
|          | Ms Brooke Endycott      | Director of Community Life, Burwood Council                               |                     |
|          | Ms Stephanie Kelly      | Director of Community and Culture, Lane Cove Council                      | <a href="#">98</a>  |
|          | Mr Colin Ho             | Cultural Programs Coordinator, Lane Cove Council                          |                     |
| 3.30 pm  | AFTERNOON TEA           |                                                                           |                     |
| 3.45 pm  | Miss Olly Arkins        | Chief Executive Officer, Australian Festival Association                  | <a href="#">102</a> |
|          | Ms Adele Robinson       | Chair, Australian Festival Association                                    |                     |
|          | Mr Adam Smith           | Board Member, Australian Festival Association                             |                     |
| 4.30 pm  | FINISH                  |                                                                           |                     |