

Hearing Schedule

NSW Legislative Council

Standing Committee on Social Issues



Inquiry into State of live music in New South Wales

18 June 2026

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney

Time	Witness	Position and Organisation	Sub No.
9.45 am PRIVATE MEETING			
10.00 am	Mrs Amy Ryan <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Executive Manager, Planning and Development, Newcastle City Council	
	Ms Tory Loudon <i>(via videoconference)</i>	New Annual Festival Director, Newcastle City Council	
	Mayor Sarah Ndiaye <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Mayor, Byron Council	103
	Mr Alan Dalton <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Director, Corporate Services, Cowra Shire Council	34
	Mr Jarrad Shiells <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Civic Centre Manager, Cowra Shire Council	
10.45 am MORNING TEA			
11.00 am	Mr Peter Ross	Executive Manager, Creative Communities and Experiences, Tamworth Regional Council and Tamworth Country Music Festival	56
	Ms Sarah Caskey <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Entertainment Manager, Longyard	
	Mr Craig Power <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Director, Longyard	
	Ms Patricia Cruzado	President, Tamworth Songwriters Association	69
	Mr Duncan Hill	Past President (2009-2024) and Life Member, Tamworth Songwriters Association	
12.00 pm	Dr Wendy Brooks	President, Association of NSW Regional Conservatoriums and Chief Executive Officer, Young Regional Conservatorium	36
	Mr Hamish Tait	Director and Chief Executive Officer, Riverina Conservatorium of Music	
	Mrs Ashleigh Baxter	Executive Director, Eastern Riverina Arts	46
	Mr Garth Prentice	Board Member, Southern Tablelands Arts	2
12.45 pm LUNCH			

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1.30 pm	Mr Morgan Lewis	Owner and Manager, Fillmore's	93
	Mrs Crystal Brandon (via videoconference)	Former Vice President, Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, Vice President, Shoalhaven Business Chamber, Vocalist	5
	Mr Colin Hesse	Volunteer presenter, 2UUU Shoalhaven Community Radio	
	Ms Zena Armstrong (via videoconference)	Festival Director, Cobargo Folk Festival	96
	Mr Peter Logue (via videoconference)	President, Yuin Folk Club Inc	
2.30 pm	Dr Ben Green (via videoconference)	Lecturer, Popular Culture and Music Industry, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	65
	Dr Sam Whiting (via videoconference)	Vice-Chancellor's Senior Research Fellow, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	
	Ms Christie Bosworth (via videoconference)	Doctoral Researcher, University of Wollongong	
3.00 pm	Mr Rossco Waraker	Vice President, Sydney Blues Festival, Working Musician	22
	Mr Paul Blasi	Committee Member, Sydney Blues Festival Working Musician and Owner, Miss Celie's Live Music Venue	
	Mr Michael Forshaw	Volunteer, Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival	47
	Mr Geoff Trio	Cronulla Chamber Vice President, Business Operator of Brass Monkey Hospitality and Music Venue Co-Founder, Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival	37
	Mrs Robyn Adamski	Co-Founder, Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival	
	Mr Paul Berger (via videoconference)	Digital Strategy Coordinator, Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival	
3.45 pm	Mr Tim McGregor (via videoconference)	Global Head of Touring, Ticketek Entertainment Group	84
4.15 pm	FINISH		