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## **Subject: Legislate a Music Festival Roundtable**

To whom this may concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in your electorate!

I've heard that new legislation is being introduced to Parliament to further regulate music festivals in NSW.

I agree that we do need to focus on safety, but it looks like these rules are being rushed in without waiting for the full report from the Coronial Inquest into festival deaths or allowing input from festival organisers with decades of experience in safety management within the industry. The regulations could make it difficult for festivals (new and old), to continue operating in NSW and are in danger of not increasing safety.

Why do I want to keep seeing music events and festivals in NSW?

- Festivals deliver positive social interaction for young people (mostly 18-30 year olds), like myself
- Most festivals are actually extremely safe already. Did you know that over 99% of illicit drug deaths occur elsewhere, away from the medical facilities, security, policing and media attention present at music festivals?
- Festivals deliver economic benefits to councils and state governments as well as local businesses
- Festivals host a community within NSW that cannot be replicated anywhere else
- They bring tourism to NSW

What would I like to see?

The new legislation to:

- 1: Include consultation with the music festival industry. This hasn't happened yet, even with multiple offers from industry.
- 2: Take into account the recommendations of the NSW Deputy Coroner

These music events in some cases have run for 20 years with extremely high safety standards and it would be great to see that continue - in addition to any new and upcoming events in NSW!

Regards,