



# Australian Live Music Business Council

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HEADLINE: Parliamentary Live Music Inquiry Backs Arena Ticket Levy

In a major win for live music venues and artists an Arena Ticket Levy that will help fund performances in smaller spaces, has been endorsed by a Federal parliamentary inquiry into the sector as one of its key recommendations.

The Levy was the primary recommendation of the Australian Live Music Business Council's submission last April. The Levy is funded by taking a dollar from the ticket price of a music concert with over 5,000 attendees --spread evenly across promoters, venues and the concert going public. It is then distributed through a charitable trust to smaller venues that are critical for artists to build their careers, and which have been the backbone of Australian remarkable success in taking its music to the world.

ALMBC Chair, Howard Adams says, "The ALMBC is proud that all of our recommendations have been accepted, with a highlight being to Inquiry's support for the development of an Arena Ticket Levy."

Other items proposed by the ALMBC and backed by the committee include, insurance reform underpinned by a partnership between the ALMBC and Music Australia to support risk mitigation for live music businesses, as well as the expansion of the Revive Live funding program and training and support for regional live music venues.

Adams continues, "We are also very excited that the committee has agreed with recommendations submitted by our partners across national music organisations, such as Michael's Rule to ensure local supports for international touring acts; a focus on young people's engagement with live music; the development of special entertainment precincts across the continent; national changes to policing at festivals; research into live music economies without reliance on alcohol sales; and a focus on Australian content in live streaming services.

The ALMBC will be further reviewing the report and will be making a full statement in the coming weeks.

### About the ALMBC

The Australian Live Music Business Council (ALMBC) has 2000 members nationally and 150 financial members, including some of the country's most successful and respected businesses.

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