

“For music to develop, it needs an environment where it can grow. NSW used to have the most vibrant live music scene in the southern hemisphere. With these new regulations in place, it stands a real chance of reclaiming its former glory.”

Dale Barlow – Jazz musician and composer

What has changed?

The NSW Government has removed the need for venues to have a *Place of Public Entertainment* (POPE) licence—venues can have live entertainment as part of their main business without the need for separate approval.

Entertainment is now part of normal activities at pubs, cafés, restaurants and clubs during the week and on weekends. Examples include a small restaurant engaging a jazz trio, a Celtic folk band playing in an Irish pub or a rock band at a club.

Does this change give me more opportunities to perform?

Yes. The red tape has been removed for venues, which gives them greater incentive to engage musicians to perform.

How are noise complaints dealt with?

The council and local police will still handle noise and other complaints. In addition, the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has powers under the *Liquor Act* to respond to complaints about venues.

These powers include:

- Negotiating a workable solution with venues and the local community
- Responding to formal disturbance complaints
- Issuing warnings or directions to a venue, and
- Imposing conditions on the venue's liquor licence to address the concerns.

What responsibilities do I have as a musician?

To ensure that you, the venues you perform at, and the people who come to hear you play are respectful of the local community. Musicians also have a role in promoting the integration of live music into venues.

We want what you want!

Both the NSW Government and musicians want more live music across NSW. We understand the importance of having a variety of performance venues to foster a creative and dynamic music industry.

“Business owners can now enliven their spaces, and musicians will get to play more often and please us all. It's time to get NSW's pubs and clubs and cafés moving again.”

Tim Freedman – The Whitlams

Fact Sheet for Musicians

Music is set to make a comeback in NSW with the introduction of a simpler and fairer approval system for public entertainment.

The NSW Government has cut red tape for live entertainment in venues—pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafés and other live music spaces no longer need a special licence.

This measure will enliven NSW's music scene, and allow musicians to do more of what they do best—perform.

This fact sheet aims to help musicians to understand the new system.

Further information

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