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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS
New inquiry: Australian music industry

Chair: Luke Howarth MP
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Parliamentary inquiry into the Australian music industry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts has commenced an inquiry into the Australian music industry.

The Chair, Mr Luke Howarth MP, said that the Committee will examine the potential for continued growth and the factors affecting the success of the Australian music industry, both domestically and internationally.

Mr Howarth said, 'Australian music is loved at home and around the world for its creative talent and innovation. The committee wants to hear how Australian composers, songwriters, performers, and producers can expand their reach and better compete with overseas artists'.

'We also want to hear from investors, music companies, record labels, cultural organisations, festivals and other businesses that connect Australian musicians and music with audiences and markets.'

The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) reported that, in 2017, the Australian music industry experienced its biggest year of growth in more than two decades, confirming the successful resurgence of the industry following the rise of digital music.

Mr Howarth added, 'the music industry must be dynamic to adapt to the rapidly evolving ways we access and listen to music. As a committee, we believe that Australian music can be more competitive, and we will be investigating ways the Australian music industry can continue to grow sustainably'.

The inquiry's **terms of reference** are:

Factors contributing to the growth and sustainability of the Australian music industry.

Submissions are being sought by Friday, 21 September 2018. Submissions can be made online or by emailing communications.reps@aph.gov.au.

For information about the inquiry visit the committee's webpage at: www.aph.gov.au/communications

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