

Future of Live Music

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for ARTS and HERITAGE and MINISTER for HOUSING and PLANNING

My question is from a young musician in my electorate from Hobart College - they were here before. He says that he's worried about the future of live music in Tasmania. Recent reporting on the Salty Dog highlights the growing problems that make it hard for venues and pubs to hold live music, with local musicians warning that opportunities for young artists are declining, as well as multiple live music venues closed down, such as the Uni Bar and the Hobart Brewing Company.

Given that live music is vital to Tasmania's cultural life and economy, he asked the Minister for Arts and the Minister for Planning: what action is the government taking to protect current existing venues from being shut down? Can proper designated live precincts be designed to support Tasmania's live music industry?