**CRISIS SUPPORT FOR THE LIVE MUSIC AND EVENTS INDUSTRY**

To the Honorable **[Minister x]**

 **My name is [X X] and I am [YOUR JOB/POSITION/BUSINESS]**

I am writing to ask that you take immediate action in the form of **crisis relief funding of $750M** for the live performance industry. Our industry is made up of thousands of casual workers, contractors and small businesses, and as a result of the Government’s necessary response to COVID-19 – many of us will now be completely without income for many months.

The Australian music and live events industry were one of the first to feel the immediate impacts from the Coronavirus pandemic and will be one of the last to repair. We are a $15 billion industry – but we also bring joy, music and art into the lives of Australians, and give them hope and a sense of community in times of crisis.

Since Saturday 14 March, *I Lost My Gig* has recorded over $280 million of lost income for creative industry businesses and workers. This represents 255,000 gig/event cancellations, impacting 500,000 people and is just a fraction of the domino impact COVID-19 continues to have.

The rapid shutdown of our industry means significant and immediate support is needed to protect the livelihoods of the hundreds of thousands of artists, managers, agents, crews, venues, contract and casual workers that rely on this industry. Sole traders working in live event and music production have been hit hardest and need immediate financial support.

We are asking for immediate Government funding of a dedicated **Covid-19 Live Performance Industry Package** of $750 million to bring relief to an industry in crisis.

For me personally this means:

E.g. I have had XX jobs cancelled, resulting in a loss of $XX, which means I won’t be able to XX

Please take immediate action now. Our industry needs you.

Regards,

[YOUR NAME]