

# **SSI: Contemporary Music Industry**

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## SSI: Sectoral System of Innovation



Solution-seeking process in response to perceived opportunities or constraints

Actors (their interaction within & across boundaries)

- Knowledge Base (generation & appropriability)
- Institutions (formal & informal 'rules')

Underpinned by collaboration & co-innovation

## **Contemporary Music Industry**



### Supporting research, education & technology



### **Regulatory Enablers/Barriers**



## **Music Industry Architecture**



## Insights to Industry Development through Innovation: Methodology

Assess consumer & market trends

Develop collaborative strategies

Assess current industry capacity

Identify potential opportunity spaces

### **Collaborative Opportunity Spaces**



## Assets

- Internationally successful artists and songwriters Sia, Hilltop Hoods, Tkay Maidza etc
- Supportive government and the Music Development Office dedicated Government resources to support both creative and business outcomes for the music industry
- **St Paul's Creative Centre** central hub for the music industry to base itself, learn new skills, collaborate and network
- **Small scale and connected** easy to trial new opportunities and easy to connect with each other
- **Capacity building programs** Robert Stigwood Fellowships, Contemporary Music Grants, Music education
- Industry representative bodies **Music SA**, Music Industry Council, Australian Hotels Association
- Music cluster Musitec
- Good live music venues Gov, Grace Emily, Exeter, Wheatsheaf
- 'Ambassadors' and tastemakers Ricky Kradolfer, 5/4 Entertainment, Fresh 92.7
- Successful events Womadelaide
- Designation as a UNESCO Music City
- Niche industry cymbal maker, custom guitar maker

## Potential Opportunity Spaces

#### Drivers

- New platforms and formats (streaming / growth of importance of vinyl for example)
- New technologies virtual reality, 360
- Specialist local players drive loyal fanbases and sense of community (Fresh 92.7, Australian Rock & Metal Institute)
- New funding models (crowd-funding, peer to peer equity etc)
- Regulatory changes that make it easier for non-traditional venues to host live music

#### Constraints

- Small local audiences (small population)
- Lack of professional industry in SA (managers, labels, publishers, promoters etc).
  'SA is a DIY industry'.
- Geographical distance from big players in the industry
- Lack of local music media (Audience tuned in to national shows-egVoice.
- Over-complicated regulatory framework, too many agencies involved (councils, Liquor Licensing, DPTI, EPA)
- Lack of rehearsal spaces
- Lack of education pathways

