

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you today as [a Music/Art /industry worker]; who yesterday when the alert level was raised to red, effectively lost my jobs and income for the foreseeable future.

Yesterday we saw hundreds of incredible festivals, arts events, tours and concerts cancelled.

They were cancelled to keep our community safe.

Musicians and artists not only provide millions of dollars for New Zealand, they have provided relief to people during these times. Providing film, music and poetry that helps bring us joy and connection.

However, today morale is low. Not only are we facing again the reality that the time and effort we have all put into bringing our community art is seemingly wasted. We are faced with no financial support from our government.

Tens of thousands of people, myself being one of them, are now without any employment or income.

I know in the past you have been a large supporter and advocate for the arts, and for this I thank you.

I am writing to request financial support for individuals in the arts who have lost their income overnight due to the change in alert level.

I look forward to your response and more importantly your action.

Ngā Mihi

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