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Drop Tank, Supersonic, Texas Radio And The Big Beat

@ Bat & Ball, Sydney

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If I wasn't already impressed by Texas Radio and the Big Beat via their first CD, experiencing their music live sure as hell cemented it. The line up included memorable tracks, 'Satisfaction', 'Wonder Why' and 'Wasteaway'. The switch of vocals between guitarist Phil McIntyre and bassist Joe Williams intriguing and the instrumentals by McIntyre, mesmerising. New tracks like 'Juicy Flirt' left us believing the new CD, due for release next month, may well surpass the stature of their first. The trio, including drummer Dave Carruthers, have a unique musicianship matching the likes of Midnight Oil. A great cover of The Stones' 'Can't Always Get What You Want' ended the set leaving Sydney Rock outfit Drop Tank to set up their gear and me heading to the bar.

After Drop Tank had luke-warmed the crowd, headliners Supersonic flung into 'Grey Skies End' quickly heating up the room. Soon came the crowd surfing and speaker trashing leading vocalist Mark Wells to comment, "I know we're all having fun but I just wanna keep my teeth!" After just recording at Festival in Sydney the line up was bound to be strong including new song 'Mr Pina Colada' proving popular. The National winning track 'Unco' was requested from the crowd, then followed by another track off their EP, 'In Your Room'. Sure to be the ultimate groupie song with girls swooning over Wells singing, "when I lie in your room". The guys definitely have the looks and charisma to attract the fans. Then there's the music... chatting around the bar a regular asked the predictable question, "so is this the next Silverchair?" Maybe.

Kim