

9 May 2012

Director General
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Attention: Mr Alan Bright

Dear Alan,

Royal Randwick Racecourse – Proposed Standing Events Consent Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement

This letter is written on behalf of the Australian Turf Club (ATC), the lessee of the Royal Randwick Racecourse (RRR) and the proponent for the above proposal.

It is the intention of the ATC to seek a “standing events” consent for temporary “non-race day” events held at the Racecourse.

1 INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Prior to the inclusion of ‘non-race day events’ as State Significant Development, Randwick City Council had been the consent authority for major temporary events held at the Racecourse. The Minister is now the consent authority as a result of the State Significant Development Specified Site listing.

Many events have been held at the Royal Randwick Racecourse site including seven (7) Future Music Festivals, World Youth Day 2008, the Winter Drive-In Cinema as well as numerous other events and festivals. It is the intention of the ATC to seek a standing events consent to avoid the inefficiency of continually seeking government approval for individual events.

The RRR is comparable to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground, the Centennial and Moore Park precinct, and the Sydney Olympic Park in its ability to accommodate large scale temporary events. Under current NSW legislation, and subject to provisions, these venues are authorised to hold temporary major events periodically during the calendar year. This proposal seeks parity with these entertainment and leisure precincts in terms of their capacity to stage events.

This proposal seeks similar provisions for the Racecourse including approval for up to eight (8) temporary major “non-race day” events to be held at the Racecourse during the calendar year and an unlimited number of temporary minor events up to 20,000 persons at one time.

These events will utilise the excellent existing public transport and infrastructure available at the Racecourse, with suitable embellishment to these facilities with special transport and management procedures to ensure events run smoothly and with minimal amenity impact to surrounding residents.

To assist the Director General with the preparation of the environmental impact statement requirements, this letter includes a Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement identifying the key issues associated with the proposed development.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement is:

- To describe the project.
- To identify the relevant planning policies.
- To outline the anticipated key issues.
- To identify the approach to be adopted to address these key issues within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Based upon past experience hosting the Future Music Festival, World Youth Day, Drive-In Cinema and other key events, the site is considered to be suitable to accommodate temporary events - subject to the provision of a variety of management plans addressing transport, security and noise.

2 PROJECT RATIONALE

The key reasons for seeking a standing events consent are outlined below:

- The Racecourse has demonstrated it has the capacity to accommodate large scale temporary events.
- The current practice of obtaining separate approvals for each temporary event is an inefficient use of ATC and Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) resources.
- A standing events consent is an efficient mechanism enabling the ATC, DoPI, Randwick Council and event organisers to control and plan for temporary events.
- Key authorities such as Randwick Council, the Roads and Maritime Services, and NSW Police will maintain operational control of temporary events via approved Management Plans and other appropriate mechanisms.

2.1 PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following summarises previous applications for temporary major events at the Racecourse that were considered by Randwick Council and the Minister. It is submitted that seeking ongoing development approval can be avoided by approving a standing consent for the Racecourse – similar in purpose to that in place for the Winter Drive-In Cinema, as approved by the Randwick Council.

The following development applications have been previously approved for events on the site.

2.1.1 *Future Music Festival*

The Future Music Festival has been held at the Racecourse site for the past 7 years. Table 1 outlines the details:

TABLE 1 – FUTURE MUSIC FESTIVAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

YEAR	DA NUMBER	CAPACITY	DETERMINED	AUTHORITY
2006	DA 904/2005	10,000	1st February 2006	Randwick Council
2007	DA 74/2007	15,000	14th March 2007	Randwick Council
2008	DA 987/2007	35,000	5th March 2008	Randwick Council
2010	DA 873/2009	38,000	9th February 2010	Randwick Council
2011	DA 851/2010	42,000	7th December 2010	Randwick Council
2012	SSD 4995	45,000	8 th February 2012	Minister for Planning & Infrastructure

2.1.2 Drive-In Cinema

The Royal Randwick Racecourse accommodates a 500 vehicle drive-in cinema on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings between July and September each year. Randwick Council approved the development as a one-off event Table 2 outlines the details.

TABLE 2 – WINTER DRIVE-IN CINEMA DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DETAILS

YEAR	DA NUMBER	CAPACITY	DETERMINED	AUTHORITY
2006	DA 880/2009	500 vehicles	8th July 2010	Randwick Council

2.1.3 World Youth Day

DA – 1072/2007 was approved by the Randwick City Council for the infrastructure works relating to World Youth Day with a capacity of over 400,000 people. An Act was constituted to create a World Youth Day Co-ordination Authority, to confer certain functions on the Authority and to provide for the co-operation of other government agencies in the planning, co-ordination and delivery of government services in relation to World Youth Day 2008 and related events.

2.2 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT SITE

The Racecourse for the 'purposes of an event that is not a race day event' is identified as a State Significant Development under *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*. Therefore all applications for temporary "non-race day" events such as the previously approved Future Music Festival now have to gain the approval of the Minister.

Considering the events already occurring at the site, it is considered a more efficient use of Government and private resources than continually seeking approval for individual events.

2.3 EXISTING PROVISIONS FOR SITES WITH SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES

The Sydney Cricket and Sports Grounds, the Centennial and Moore Parks and the Sydney Olympic Park are similar facilities that are governed by legislation that allows standing events to occur at each site as outlined below.

The Racecourse being listed as a State significant site, similar provisions to those reproduced above should be applied to allow events to be held without the requirement for individual approvals.

2.3.1 Centennial Park and Moore Park

SEPP 47 (*Moore Park Showground*) also allows 'public events' as Development permissible without development consent under Clause 12. The SEPP defines 'public events' as *musical entertainment, public entertainment, exhibitions or any community facility, community event or revenue-raising activity in accordance with the provisions of the [Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983](#) and consistent with a Management Strategy approved by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.*

The *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Regulation 2009*, enacted by the *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983* includes the following provisions for major events:

29 Authorisation of use of Trust lands for certain events attracting large crowds

(1) For the purposes of section 20A of the Act, the use of the Trust lands is authorised for the purpose of the following events or classes of events, being events or classes of events for which it is reasonably anticipated that more than 20,000 persons at one time will resort to the land:

(a) the New Mardi Gras Parade and Party,

(b) *the class of events comprising events that are film festivals, musical events, cultural events or food and beverage events of a kind that are consistent with the objects of the Trust in relation to the Trust lands.*

(2) *The Trust lands must not be used for the purpose of more than 8 events of the class contemplated by subclause (1) (b) in any calendar year.*

(3) *The Trust may authorise the use of Trust lands for a purpose referred to in subclause (1) subject to such conditions as the Trust considers to be appropriate.*

Therefore SEPP47 and the *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983* allow an unspecified number of “public events” and 8 larger public events (greater than 20,000) without development consent.

2.3.2 Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground

‘Temporary non-sporting events (such as concerts)’ are listed under the *SEPP (Major Development) 2005* as exempt development under Part 1 Sydney Cricket Ground. This clause is subject to certain criteria including duration not more than 14 days, and subject to a written plan of management, noise controls, parking and vehicle and pedestrian access in relation to the event as well as associated equipment, structures and facilities.

2.3.3 Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Olympic Park Authority Act 2001 and the *Sydney Olympic Park Authority Regulation 2007* govern the lands under the control of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

SEPP (Major Development) 2005, Schedule 3 (Part 23 Sydney Olympic Park site) includes the relevant planning provisions for the Olympic Park site, including the zone objectives and permissible uses for each zone. Of note are the RE1 Public Recreation and E3 Environmental Management Zones that allow minor events as permitted without consent.

Minor events are defined as a business-oriented occasion or a cultural, social or sporting-related occasion (such as an exhibition, a festival, a show or other like happening) occurring on one or more days, at any place or venue (including a major event venue), but do not include an occasion that is a major event. Major events are designed for more than 10,000 patrons or participants per day at a single major event venue, or more than 20,000 patrons or participants per day at two or more major event venues.

Importantly, the Public Recreation zone has similar characteristics to the 6A (Open Space Zone) that applies to the Royal Randwick Racecourse site under the Randwick LEP 1998.

2.3.4 Summary

In summary it is evident that standing consent exists (i.e. no further consent required) for similar entertainment and recreation venues and facilities similar in nature to the Royal Randwick Racecourse as follows:

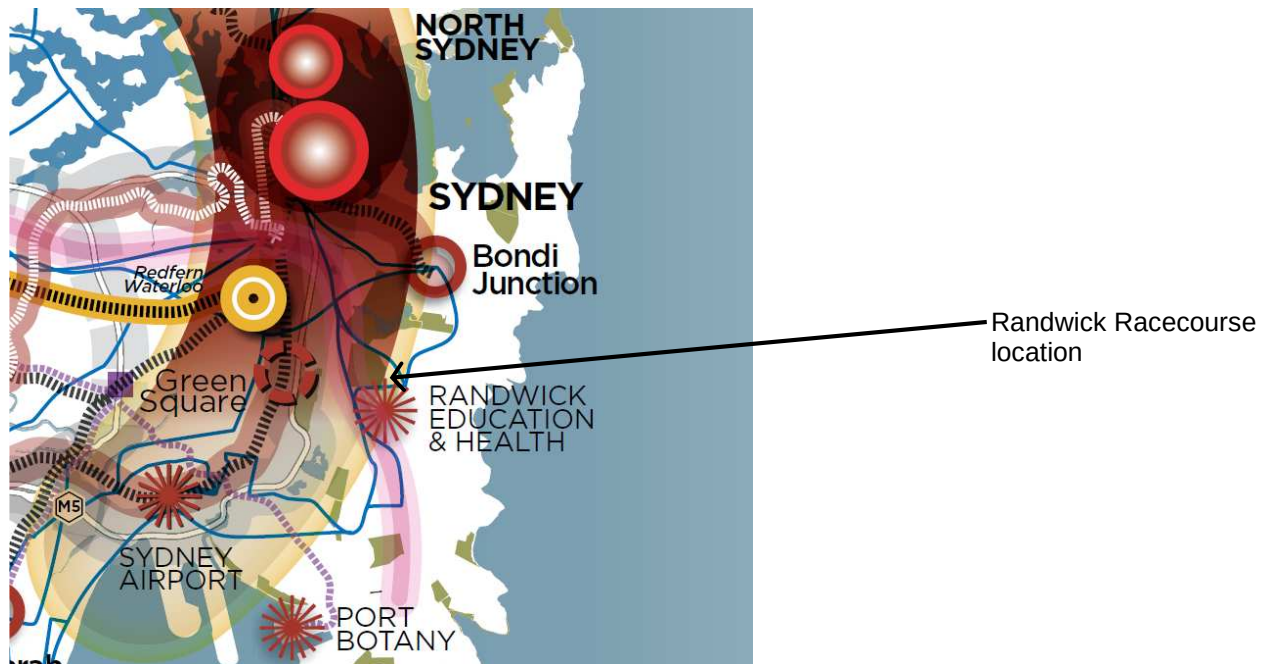
- Centennial Park and Moore Park (Entertainment Quarter): All minor events up to 20,000 persons at one time and up to 8 major events (in any calendar year) of more than 20,000 persons are permissible without consent.
- Sydney Cricket Ground: Any temporary non-sporting events (such as concerts) – no capacity limit specified.
- Olympic Park: All minor events in the Public Recreation Zone (and E3 Environmental Management Zone) – being an event up to 10,000 patrons per day at a single event or up to 20,000 patrons per day at two or more major event venues.

This proposal seeks provisions to those currently enjoyed at the above similar recreation / entertainment / event locations – in particular the Centennial Park and Moore Park (Entertainment Quarter).

3 SITE DETAILS

The Racecourse is located in Sydney's inner south east approximately 5km from the Sydney CBD. The site's position in the context of the Sydney Metropolitan Plan 2036 is illustrated below.

FIGURE 1 – REGIONAL CONTEXT



3.1 SITE CONTEXT

The Racecourse is one of the largest recreation areas in Sydney's highly urbanised eastern suburbs. It is located at the southern end of a major open space and entertainment spine that runs south east of the CBD, and includes a range of passive and active recreation areas, As well as sporting facilities. In addition to the Racecourse, the surrounding recreation and sporting facilities include:

- Sydney Cricket Ground/Sydney Football Stadium.
- Moore Park.
- Fox Studios/Entertainment Quarter.
- Centennial Park.
- Moore Park Golf Course.

These recreation facilities are strategically located proximate to the Sydney CBD and the City's arterial road network. It also benefits from excellent access to public transport facilities; major bus routes are located along Alison Road, Anzac Parade and High Street. The open space and entertainment spine runs adjacent to Sydney's 'Global Economic Corridor' (Metropolitan Plan 2036). The Global Economic Corridor is the focus for a significant amount of Sydney's employment and housing growth. The proposed events are complementary to the purpose of the Global Economic Corridor, and are consistent with the recreational and entertainment character provided at the Racecourse.

This is reflected in the various and significant land uses surrounding the Racecourse, consisting of:

- North – Centennial Park.
- South – The University of NSW extends along the entire southern boundary. The Prince of Wales Hospital is located less than 1km to the south-east.
- East – predominantly residential area with Randwick shopping village located approximately 1.5km away. The land to the east of the Racecourse is elevated, however views across the Racecourse are well screened by substantial fig trees.

- West – Mix of low and medium density residential with Kensington village shops located further west along Anzac Parade.

3.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

The application site comprises the entire Racecourse site area. Generally, the events will be confined to areas within the Spectator and Infield Precincts. The Spectator Precinct accommodates the Racecourse spectator, entertainment and convention facilities. It has the capacity for up to 55,000 people. Currently around 10 major events (accommodating a total of 25,000 to 55,000 people) are held each year. Smaller events also occur on a regular basis including: corporate events, markets, non-racing sporting style events and university exams.

The main access to the Spectator Precinct is from Alison Road. This entrance has recently been upgraded providing a fresh and distinctive public face for the racecourse and generally improving safety and accessibility. A second access point of Alison Road is used to gain access to the infield and is particularly useful for event bump-in and bump-out. Using the main Alison Road gate for access will not be possible in the long term and therefore the existing secondary access is proposed to be improved. In this regard, it is proposed to close the existing point in the north-east corner and construct a new, more formal, access point at the intersection of Alison Road and Cowper Street where traffic lights already exist. Details of the upgraded access point will be included as part of this proposal.

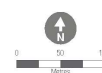
For the purpose of event day transport of patrons transport infrastructure has also been improved to allow for the efficient and safe movement of up to 55,000 people. Access to the Spectator Precinct is also available off Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street.

Figure 2 below shows the RRR site, in which all events will take place within the site boundary (red line) and generally be confined to the Spectator and Infield Precinct of the Racecourse (see Section 4.1.2 below).

FIGURE 2 – EVENT LOCATIONS



Randwick Racecourse
SITE AERIAL



4 PROJECT DETAILS

4.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The proposal seeks a standing consent for eight major events annually and an unlimited number of minor events. TABLE 3 provides an overview of the likely events that would occur under a standing event consent.

TABLE 3 – SUMMARY OF POSSIBLE EVENTS

EVENT	TYPICAL DURATION	PATRON CAPACITY
<i>major event means a non-race day business-oriented occasion or a cultural, social or sporting related occasion (such as an exhibition, a festival, a show or other like happening) occurring on one or more days and designed for more than 20,000 patrons or participants per day</i>		
Musical festival	Friday – Sunday up to 10pm, plus set-up and dismantle.	20,000+
Cultural event / gathering	Up to 5 days, plus set-up and dismantle	20,000+
Consumer event	up to 10 days, plus set-up and dismantle	Approx. 20,000
<i>minor event means a business-oriented occasion or a cultural, social or sporting-related occasion (such as an exhibition, a festival, a show or other like happening) occurring on one or more days, but does not include an occasion that is a major event</i>		
Drive In Cinema	Dusk to 10pm Friday – Sunday through Winter	c. 300 vehicles
Non-racing sporting event	Up to 5 days, plus set-up and dismantle	Less than 20,000
Corporate event	Up to 5 days, plus set-up and dismantle	Less than 20,000
Markets	1-2 days over a weekend	Approx 5,000
University exams	1-14 days per semester	less than 3000 per day

All major events will include special provisions for security, transport and other services to ensure a safe and efficient event running. All minor events will be managed in accordance with the Australian Turf Clubs existing on-going events management plan. It is expected that appropriate conditions to control the operation and management of individual major events will be prepared in consultation with key authorities. The following plans would be expected to be prepared when relevant:

- Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan.
- Noise Management Plan.
- Risk and Emergency Management Plan.
- Security Plan and Crime Management Plan.
- Equipment, Structures and Facilities Plan.
- Waste Management Plan.

Discussion of special provisions and other mitigating measures is considered below.

4.1.1 Development Need

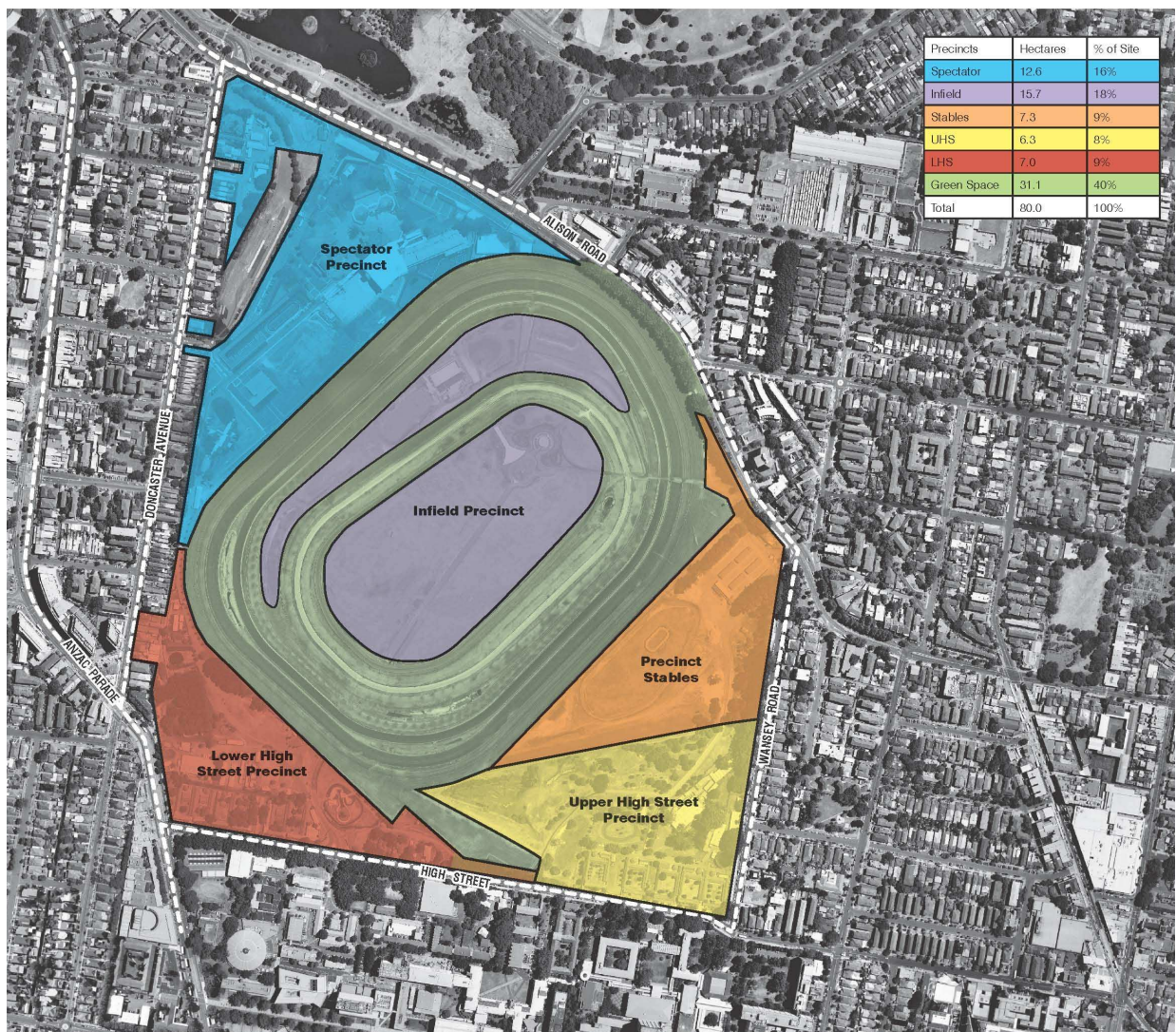
The proposed standing events consent will deliver a number of benefits:

- The Racecourse is currently utilised for a number of events such as those listed above, which make better utilisation of a well located and serviced venue.
- It is consistent with the entertainment and leisure function of the Racecourse and will contribute to the on-going use of the site as a racecourse in an indirect way.
- Management procedures and mitigation measures have been constantly refined to ensure the Racecourse accommodates well-managed events.
- The ATC has demonstrated previously that they have the capability to successfully deliver major non-race day events at the Racecourse. This is an efficient use of the land and resources.
- A Standing Events Consent will alleviate the need for continued development consent being sought from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for these minor and major events.

4.1.2 Event Layout

Events will be held within the site (shown highlighted) and *generally* in two precincts of the Racecourse, the Spectator and Infield Precincts. The layout is illustrated in the site layout plan below.

FIGURE 3 – EVENT LOCATIONS



5 KEY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 OVERVIEW

The Racecourse site hosts major events including the Future Music Festival, World Youth Day and the Drive-In Cinema. The capacity of the largest annual event (Future Music Festival 45,000) remains well within the design capacity of the transport infrastructure at the Racecourse of 55,000 patrons. The experience gained from accommodating these large events has led to the refinement of the management procedures to ensure that events run smoothly for the enjoyment of patrons and with minimum fuss to the surrounding residents.

Randwick Council and the DoPI have previously placed conditional requirements for the provision of mechanisms to control the impacts, operation and management of temporary events at the Racecourse. It is expected that ongoing review and consultation with the key authorities will continually improve the mechanisms used to control temporary events.

To inform the preparation of the Director General's Requirements, a preliminary assessment has been made of the proposal in relation to the relevant planning policy and consideration of key issues. The findings of this assessment are summarised below. These matters will be addressed in detail in the Environmental Impact Statement.

5.2 COMPLIANCE AND CONSISTENCY WITH PLANNING CONTROLS AND POLICIES

5.2.1 *Metropolitan Plan 2036*

The site is located proximate to the following strategic land uses identified in the Metropolitan Plan 2036.

- Global Sydney and the Global Economic Corridor;
- Randwick Specialised Centre – Education and Health; and
- Long term investigation corridor between Port Botany and Parramatta (urban renewal and transport).

The proposal will not impede the achievement of the existing and future strategic land uses identified in the Metropolitan Plan.

5.2.2 *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*

Schedule 2 of this SEPP includes the proposal as a State Significant Development Specified Site:

4 Development at Royal Randwick Racecourse

Development on land identified as being within the Royal Randwick Racecourse Site on the State Significant Development Sites Map if:

- (a) *it has a capital investment value of more than \$10 million, or*
- (b) *it is for the purposes of an event that is not a race day event.*

This proposal utilises the above provision to allow the lodgement of a proposal for an on-going events consent as it is for events that are not 'race day events'.

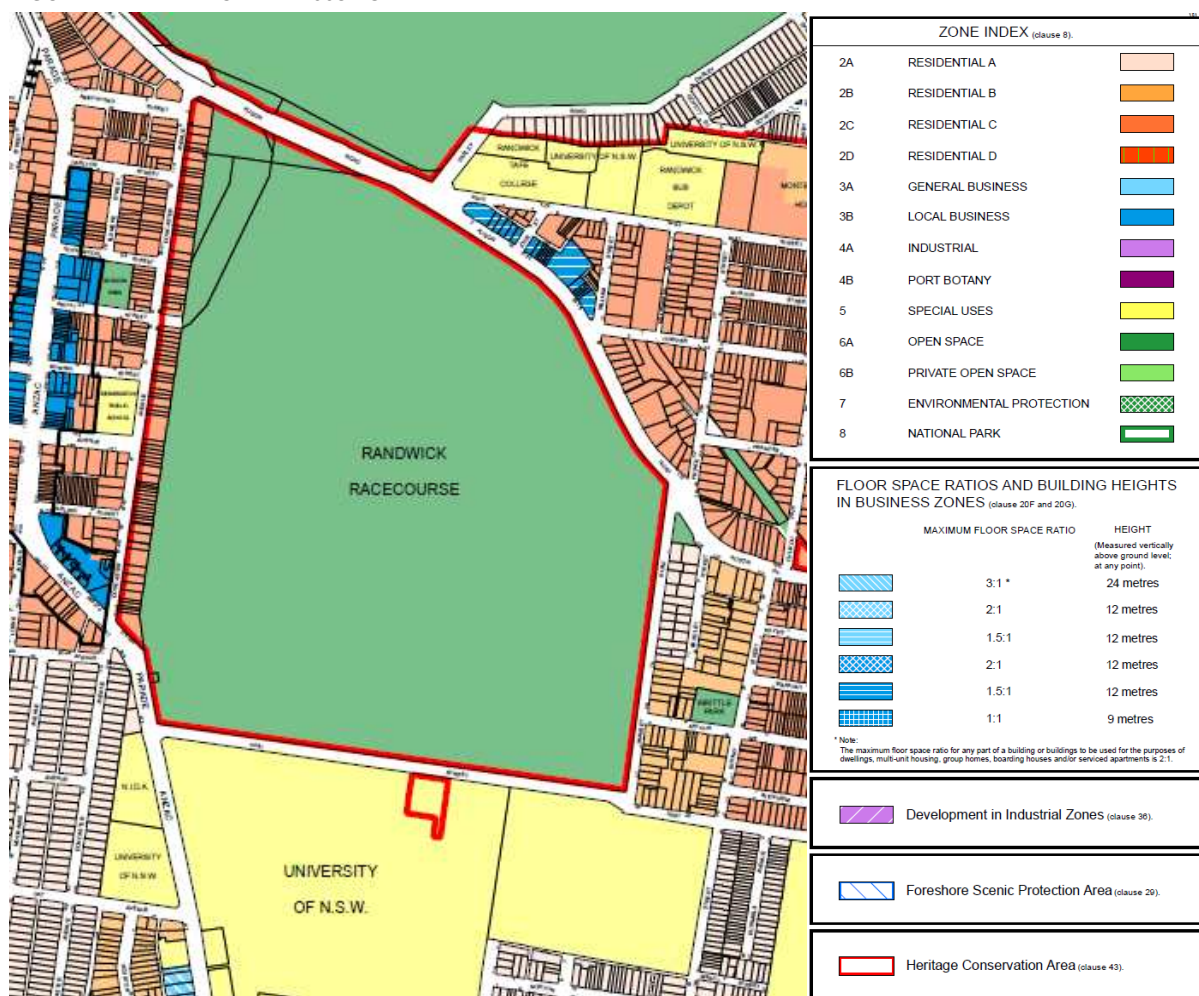
5.2.3 Randwick Local Environmental Plan 1998

The Randwick Local Environmental Plan 1998 (RLEP) applies to the site. Pursuant to the RLEP the site is zoned 6A (Open Space Zone).

The objectives of the 6A zone are:

- To identify publicly owned land used or capable of being used for public recreational purposes.
- To allow development that promotes, or is related to, the use and enjoyment of open space.
- To identify and protect land intended to be acquired for public open space.
- To identify and protect natural features that contribute to the character of the land.
- To enable the sustainable management of the land.

FIGURE 4 – RANDWICK LEP 1998 ZONE MAP



The following uses are permissible with consent within the 6A zone:

*Buildings ordinarily incidental or ancillary to landscaping, gardening or bushfire hazard reduction, car parks, child care centres, clubs, communication facilities, community facilities, earthworks, helicopter landing sites, markets, outdoor advertising, public transport, **recreation facilities**, restaurants, roads.*

All other uses are prohibited.

The RLEP defines 'recreation facility' to mean:

A building or a work used for a sporting, exercise or leisure activity, and includes golf courses, racecourses, showgrounds, bowling greens, tennis courts and the like, including any ancillary club building.

The proposal includes the on-going temporary use of the Racecourse for ancillary events and therefore the proposal is considered to be consistent with the permissible uses of the zone. The proposal is consistent with the following objective for the 6A zone:

(b) to allow development that promotes, or is related to, the use and enjoyment of open space

Other relevant controls in the RLEP are detailed below.

TABLE 4 – RLEP 1998 RELEVANT CLAUSE

CLAUSE	DETAILS
38 Development in Open Space Zones	Council must consider certain heads of consideration relating to the need of the use, whether the use relates to the use and enjoyment of open space, the impact upon existing likely future character of the land and the need to retain the land for a future use.

The proposal is consistent with the matters for consideration listed under CI 38.

5.2.4 Draft Comprehensive Randwick LEP 2012

Randwick City Council exhibited the draft comprehensive Randwick LEP between 21 February and 2 April 2012. The site is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the draft LEP. The following uses are permitted with consent.

*Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Building identification signage; Business identification signage; Car parks; Child care centres; Community facilities; Helipads; Information and education facilities; Jetties; Kiosks; Markets; Passenger transport facilities; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); **Recreation facilities (Major)**; Restaurants or cafes; Water recreation structures*

The Draft Randwick LEP defines 'Recreation facilities (Major)' to mean:

a building or place used for large scale sporting or recreation activities that are attended by large numbers of people whether regularly or periodically, and includes theme parks, sports stadiums, showgrounds, racecourses and motor racing tracks.

The proposal is for the ongoing periodic use of the site for ancillary recreation activities. Therefore the proposal is considered to be permissible with consent under the Draft LEP.

5.2.5 Royal Randwick Racecourse Development Control Plan

The Royal Randwick Racecourse Development Control Plan (DCP) provides site specific development controls to fulfil the requirements of Clause 40A of the LEP. The provisions of the DCP do not carry any weight in the consideration of State Significant Development, however, the matters normally considered in a DCP will be assessed as part of Environmental Impact Statement in any case.

5.3 PROPOSED TEMPORARY EVENT USE

The proposed temporary events will complement the existing racing and tourist/convention/exhibition related activities already contained within the site and help to further establish the site as a major entertainment destination. As such the proposal is consistent with the vision for the site as a major tourist and recreation destination, and with the desired future character of the locality.

The site is considered to be suitable for the proposed uses for the following reasons:

- The locational characteristics of the site, being within one of Sydney's major entertainment quarters and close to public transport infrastructure.
- The site has hosted numerous major temporary events in the past.
- The transport infrastructure capacity of the Racecourse is 55,000.
- The proposal will reinforce the status of the Racecourse as a major attraction and enhance the facilities available for members, patrons, visitors to the area and the local community.

5.4 ON-GOING REVIEW MECHANISMS

Events held at the Racecourse will meet all relevant development codes and standards, such as the following:

- Roads Act 1993,
- Liquor Act 2007, Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), and
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA),
- Building Code of Australia (BCA),

In addition, other mechanisms to control the management and operation of major temporary events will be prepared in consultation with the Randwick Council, NSW Police, Roads and Maritime Services.

As part of the Agency and Community consultation, discussed in Section 5.5 Agency and Community Consultation, it is proposed that the relevant management plans and policies will be established to ensure any major event runs efficiently and effectively, and with the relevant checks and balances provided by the relevant authorities.

5.5 AGENCY AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A range of stakeholders will be consulted on the application including (but are not limited to):

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| ▪ NSW Government | ▪ Local community |
| ▪ Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) | ▪ Roads and Maritime Services |
| ▪ Randwick City Council | ▪ NSW Transport (State Transit) |
| ▪ NSW Police (Local Command) | ▪ Events NSW |

Consultation will continue throughout the preparation of the EIS and will be documented in the EIS.

5.6 NOISE

Management of noise impact at temporary events will be a primary concern for the Australian Turf Club and the neighbouring community. A comprehensive Noise Management Plan would typically be in place for major events. Noise would generally be controlled through:

- Limitation of event hours to reasonable hours.
- The control of sound levels to within the limits considered appropriate by Council and the relevant State agency.
- Event layouts designed in consultation with advice from noise experts.

- Noise generating activities will be orientated suitably and noise barriers will be located to direct noise away from sensitive areas.
- Security and police on hand to ensure patrons leave the vicinity promptly following the completion of events.

5.7 TRANSPORT, ACCESS AND PARKING

Some events will necessitate special provision of transport services and a change in road conditions to ensure a smooth operation. Suitable Transport Management Plans will be prepared for major events and authorised by key agencies including the RMS, STA, NSW Police and Randwick City Council. Transport Management Plans may include the following where necessary:

- Special event transport planning and resources
- The number of additional buses required to be used for Ingress and Egress Lane & Road Closures: timing and management of lane and road closures will be required to be implemented during specific times, primarily used to facilitate the egress operations of patrons from the venue at the conclusion of events.
- Identification of special event clearways on roadways.
- Requirements for temporary no stopping & work sites along specific areas of roadways as suggested by the consent authority.
- Location of temporary bus zones
- Amount and location of car parking to be made available.
- Location of employee access
- Location of temporary taxi ranks.
- Internal traffic management measures.

Special provisions including partial road closures and additional public transport services will result in some temporary disruption to the traffic in the surrounding area. However, through installation of warning signage and the temporary nature of the disruption, drivers in the surrounding area will have satisfactory means to ensure significant inconvenience is avoided.

The Royal Randwick Racecourse was subject to a comprehensive upgrade to transport infrastructure in the context of holding the World Youth Day event. The facilities on site have been constructed to handle a crowd of 55,000 which is comfortably greater than the events proposed to be held at the site.

5.8 STREETScape, BUILT FORM AND VISUAL IMPACT

The proposal may involve the erection of temporary structures including stages, marquees, screens and ancillary buildings typically found at the type of events.

As per previous events held at the Racecourse, the site will be surrounded by appropriate fencing and directional barriers to ensure legibility for pedestrians and vehicles when required. Due to their temporary nature, these structures are not considered to have any significant visual impact upon the surrounding area.

5.9 ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Major events will be required to implement of a series of plans including those relating to transport and waste. The clear objective of these plans will be to minimise waste and maximise the use of public transport. Previous events at the site have generated a very high level of public transport that has operated to the satisfaction of the State transport authorities. The principles of ecologically sustainable development will be applied through the implementation of these plans.

5.10 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

Royal Randwick Racecourse is an established feature of the area and local landmark. The Racecourse contributes socially and economically at the local and state level. Hosting major events at the Racecourse is consistent with the use of the site for entertainment and leisure activities and will otherwise assist in securing the future of the racecourse, a recognised community facility.

Staging temporary events at the Racecourse will generate additional on-going employment at the site in addition to the traditional horse racing based employment.

Traffic, Noise and Security Management Plans will ensure that potential impacts associated with congestion, noise and anti-social behaviour are addressed and mitigated.

5.11 ACCESSIBILITY

Provision will be made on site to ensure that access impaired people have appropriate levels of access as required by the Disability Discrimination Act.

5.12 UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The existing secondary access point off Alison Road is proposed to be improved as outlined above. This access is essential for efficient set-up and dismantling of events and the new proposed location as part of the existing signalised intersection of Cowper Street and Alison Road is considered to be a superior option in terms of legibility and safety.

Additional provision of portable amenities will be provided to ensure an appropriate level of service to patrons.

5.13 OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Where required, plans will be prepared to address security, emergency procedures, medical management and waste management. As stated above, all events will be held in accordance with the relevant provisions, codes and standards.

6 SUMMARY

This letter has provided an overview of the proposed standing events development at the Royal Randwick Racecourse, and to provide information that will assist the Director General in preparing the environmental impact statement requirements for the project.

Consent for events is considered appropriate for the site and ensuring consent is standing will allow the Australian Turf Club to continue events hosting with certainty and security going forward. Mechanisms will be established to ensure that events are managed efficiently and that environmental impacts are mitigated and will include:

- Ongoing review mechanisms
- Transport management
- Noise management
- Operational management

These matters will be thoroughly addressed in the EIS.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8233 9900.

Yours sincerely,



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