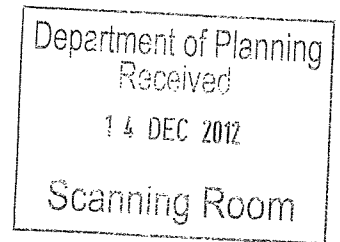


FUTURE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013- ROYAL RANDWICK

RACECOURSE : Objection to the Event



Submission from residents of 4 – 10 Darling St Kensington

- Application number: SSD 5394 – 2012
- Location: Royal Randwick Racecourse
- Proponent: Future Events Pty Ltd
- Council Area: Randwick City Council
- Approval authority: Minister for Planning and infrastructure



We do not support the project for the following reasons:

1. THE NOISE.

The noise in our building last year was at a level well above those regulated by council . We have had complaints about noisy air conditioning systems in adjacent large blocks of flats and council dealt promptly with the problem. This does not seem to happen with this event. The music is much louder than said air conditioning, so loud that closing windows produces no appreciable diminution in volume and it is almost impossible to listen to our own TV or Music stations. Echoes bouncing off all the adjacent buildings add to the cacophony and personal distress, particularly for those with babies and young children.

Last year this noise was not confined to the hours of the concert. There were rehearsals that were as noisy at intermittent times over the week before the event.

While phone numbers are provided for complaints, nothing was done last year when I rang these numbers.

2. THE DRUG DEALING AND PRESENCE OF POSSIBLY VIOLENT CRIMINALS

Last year residents of our building were astonished to watch as a car load of truculent young men parked in our drive and proceeded to stuff packets of some substances into their underpants then spray themselves with what appeared to be deodorant before leaving their vehicle in our drive and heading for the racecourse.

It seems the police inspected the vehicle and caught them the next day but their vehicle remained in our drive until the early hours.

I am not sure the police can be everywhere in numbers sufficient to attend incidents and control the drug sellers who seem to be attracted to events such as this. See traffic chaos.

3. THE TRAFFIC CHAOS AND SAFETY CONCERNS

There is very little public parking in Kensington and the influx of private vehicles causes extreme traffic congestion, making it difficult to move around the local streets. Last year it took almost half an hour to drive from Alison Rd to Darling St on the morning of the event.

Fans made determined attempts to park in the adjoining streets last year regardless of safety and legality. This occurred despite a noticeable police presence. The problem of fans parking in private driveways of strata blocks does not seem to have been addressed.

There are no trains or ferries for the commuters as there would be at the Olympic Site.

In the event of some kind of disaster such as fire or accident it could be difficult to move the necessary emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines into the area.

4. THE SUITABILITY OF THE VENUE.

There are venues in Sydney that are designed for large crowds with ample public transport. Given that Parramatta is the population centre of Sydney . It would be better for all to hold such festivals at places such as the Olympic Site.

(Except being better for the racecourse, but they have lately received munificent gifts of millions of dollars of public money anyway)

5. IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

For all the reasons outlined above local residents are necessarily either confined to their homes or condemned to leave for the duration of this event. This is hardly democracy in action.

We, the undersigned, hope these points will be taken into consideration when considering whether this event should occur at Randwick Racecourse.

Signed by residents of 4 -10 Darling St KENSINGTON 2033

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