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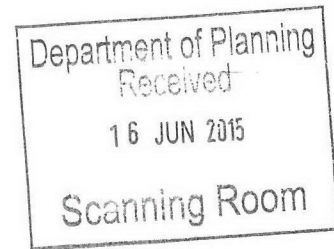
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Dear sir

RE: PARKLANDS PROPOSAL TO MODIFY PAC APPROVAL

I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed increase in sound levels at future Splendour in the Grass and Falls festivals to be held at the Yelgun site.

I live approximately two kilometres from this site as the crow flies and have been adversely affected by sound emanating from the site during all of the events held thus far.

I consider it outrageous that a further increase in sound levels is being requested.

I understand that the events are conducted on a trial basis and I am unable to reconcile the fact that, despite numerous complaints from local residents regarding noise in excess of prescribed guidelines, and a fine for excesses following the Splendour Festival in July 2014, the size of the crowd has been increased as if everything was going according to guidelines.

I might mention here that during Splendour in July 2014 the Parklands community liaison person actually visited my house following a complaint and agreed that the sound, especially bass levels, was very high indeed, at current levels.

To my knowledge most of the venues hosting events of this size, especially those held near residential areas, are restricted to 12 midnight times of cessation. These are usually one day/night events, not events that run for up to four days, from eleven am to midnight.

These events, i.e Splendour and Falls, are required to turn down the volume at 12am.

This seldom happens and there have been occasions when the sound is actually increased.

As far as the old chestnut about wind direction is concerned. No matter which way the wind blows someone will be adversely affected while the others may get some relief. Of course, on still, windless nights all surrounding areas are affected.

Finally it seems to me that it is all one way traffic with the promoters getting everything they want while the residents get nothing but an increase in noise and inconvenience.

The inconvenience can be accepted but not the arrogance with which the promoters have inflicted their noise, which they want to increase.

It seems to me that if the promoters consider that existing noise limits are too difficult to comply with they should have considered this when first applying for the original consent.

I have no doubt that this request to increase noise levels is solely so that the promoters will not be fined in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that tapers off to the right.

Bob Freestone