

**RE: SUPPORT for extension of trial period North Byron Parklands**

Burringbar is around 10 kilometres from the Parklands site, as a business owner in Burringbar, we anticipate more local businesses will emerge to service a growing demand for tourists, including cafes, restaurants and small scale accommodation.

Having the North Byron Parklands in such close proximity to our village of Burringbar, we recognise the positive contribution the Parklands management and festival organisers have made to the surrounding community over the past several years.

Some of the possible beneficial outcomes that could eventuate from permanency:

- Development of more eco-friendly accommodation, cultural and nature based activities in the hinterland areas
- Bus route extension along Tweed Valley Way through Mooball-Burringbar-Stokers Siding-Murwillumbah during festival weeks
- Potential reason to extend MRT line to Tweed hinterland villages
- Use of Parklands by local community groups, not for profits and schools for community events outside of festival weeks
- Parklands site has had substantial ecological rehabilitation of habitat
- Increased trade during festival weeks
- Investment in local area youth development and employment
- The opportunity for community/not for profits to have fundraising capacity
- Employment at the festivals of local youth
- The promotion of all our villages in appropriate marketing initiatives
- Add to economic sustainability for the rural villages
- Augment regional hinterland tourism
- Extend visitor stay
- Provide jobs, new businesses can be created while existing businesses will have the opportunity to grow
- workplace training in:
  - tourism
  - construction
  - engineering
  - environmental science
  - cultural history and a host of other disciplines

Yours sincerely,

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