

## RANDWICK PRECINCT

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**To Department of Planning**

**Re: Music Festival 2012 Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday March 15**

Randwick Precinct (a resident community group supported by Randwick Council) has a number of concerns about the operations associated with Future Music Events at Randwick Racecourse and would like systems in place to address these matters to ensure that the 2012 event has minimal impact on surrounding residents not only on the actual day but also in the lead up to and following the event.

Notwithstanding some improvements in the last event (2011) it is important that residents concerns are acted upon to ensure a better event for the 2012 Festival.

**Issues are:**

- \* Request for an increase in attendees to 42,000 should not be granted. **Numbers should be reduced to a total of 38,000** (including complimentary ticket holders) similar to events at Centennial Park which are 38,000 and seem to work much better. This year's event (2011) was not well managed and many complaints were received by the event organiser and by Randwick City Council and also by Randwick Precinct.
- \* **A policed traffic management scheme** needs to be in place for the entire period of the festival, including set up and dismantling.
- \* **A Council ranger/s to be employed for the 24 hours of the actual festival** and on duty to ensure that truck movements do not occur through the night of the event.
- \* **A well resourced complaints hotline** for residents to ensure breaches of approval conditions are monitored and acted upon during the festival period. The 2011 complaints line was continually engaged so complaints could not be recorded let alone acted upon.
- \* **Security people with the authority to manage traffic** to be deployed at racecourse entrances including the Wansey Rd gate as security personnel this year (2011) could not adequately control traffic.
- \* The Festival organisers must ensure that the drivers of all its vehicles are aware that **access to the racecourse is never available until 9.00 a.m.** This should preclude the disruption of traffic caused by the queuing and parking of vehicles in Wansey Road waiting for the gates to open as has been the case in previous years.
- \* **A plan in place** to ensure that truck drivers, know well in advance they are not to use Wansey Road gate 10 (as they have done in the past)
- \* **B Doubles should be banned from Wansey Rd.** We are concerned that goods and equipment with still arrive on B Doubles causing serious traffic jams, that unauthorized entrances and exits like Gateway 10 will still be used and that much activity will once again occur at night time.

\* **A dust minimization program should** be in place for the entire period with **regularly scheduled** watering down of unsealed surfaces. NB heavy truck movements across the site particularly near Wansey Rd caused a huge dust problem during the set up and dismantling periods during previous events.

\* **Improved noise reduction** techniques need to be used – (noise monitors should be available, on request, to residents immediately bordering the racecourse).

\* **Specific Traffic Management Plan to ensure improved access arrangements are necessary for the entrance to on-site parking** (access from gate 8 will limit the usage as this is not easily accessible for the majority of vehicles). NB Alison Rd has a median strip so cars traveling east ie from the city cannot turn directly into gate 8 but must travel some distance beyond the gate to then turn right and come back. The obvious spot to make a right/u turn is at Wansey Rd so a potential accident situation will occur unless traffic measures are in place to facilitate safe entry to this gate.

\* **A Special Events Parking Scheme on Saturday March 4, 2012** where the existing Residents Parking Scheme exists around the Racecourse should be in place on the day.

### **In conclusion**

Of course we are hoping that the improved sound monitoring and sound mitigation schemes proposed for the various stages will address the many concerns residents had this year (2011).

We believe that if the concerns identified above can be incorporated into the planning and management of the March 4, 2012 Future Music Event it will reduce the negative impacts on the residents surrounding the Racecourse in the lead up to and on the day itself and immediately after the end of the concert and hopefully make for a successful event for all.

Yours sincerely  
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(Chair Randwick Precinct)

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