

OBJECTION TO Future Developments
NORTH BYRON SHIRE PARKLANDS FESTIVAL
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As a long term permanent resident of New Brighton I strongly object to the expansion of operations of the above Festival site in Yelgun, Northern NSW for the followings reasons:

1. Interruption to lifestyle of local residents in surrounding villages. We chose to live in the peace and quiet of our New Brighton village and now constantly have pressure on our fragile infrastructure during current festival times. If these times are extended it would damage further lifestyle and amenities.
2. 14,500 Byron Shire ratepayers cannot support and pay for ongoing destruction in our shire. As NSW State Government originally approved Festival this means no additional funds coming back to our community through Council funds - North Byron Parklands make 'feel good' donations to some sporting clubs etc. but NOTHING to cover damage and destruction and overall pressure on all amenities. WHY SHOULD LOCAL RATEPAYERS FOOT THE BILL FOR THESE FESTIVALS.
3. 2017 Byron Shire worse flu numbers ever in community. Many residents had several flus and illnesses during this last winter which the medical profession stated was part of influx of people from all over Australia and overseas to attend festivals. New bugs introduced to our community. We now only have one hospital in Byron Shire which is unable to cope with our local population let alone introducing huge volumes of festival goers at multiple times of the year. Many locals are referred to hospital at Tweed Heads when new Byron Hospital cannot handle numbers of locals and tourists already.
4. North Byron Parklands looking to increase festival nos. to 50,000 I believe for 2 x 5 day festivals and 2 x 3 day festivals. We would constantly have preparation for festival over weeks before and after as well.
5. Can our water supply cope with these numbers??? I believe NOT.
6. Our internet is non-existent during festival times as it cannot cope with increased loading of users.
7. Surrounding suburbs used to service local permanent rental market but now all being changed to holiday and festival letting short term stays. Family life for local renters made very difficult. As an example during festival over Xmas period two rental properties with a capacity of 8 people to stay each had in excess of 20 people and 9 cars in each property in our street. The resultant rubbish, debris, noise and no access out of our property did not make for an enjoyable xmas.
8. On the site itself the local endangered wildlife and wetlands is being impacted heavily at present and will be further damaged with additional festivals and numbers of festival goers. This is not acceptable. Wildlife is heavily impacted by noise levels
9. NOISE - I live several kilometres from the site and yet we still hear the heavy base volume - I cannot image the wildlife coping with this noise on site.
10. TRAFFIC - volumes of traffic in local villages and larger centres, eg Byron Bay cannot cope with normal holiday traffic let alone additional festival traffic as well. I understand North Byron Parklands make no contributions to road repair or upkeep to our local Council.
11. It is difficult to access our local supermarket during festival times. Will residents be trapped in our homes for the duration on a regular basis with these additional Festivals.
12. BYRON SHIRE RESIDENTS CANNOT PROSPER AND SUSTAIN OUR LIFESTYLE WITH THESE EXTERNAL PRESSURES OF FESTIVAL GOERS.

