

RE: SUPPORT for permanency for North Byron Parklands

Burrningbar is around 10 kilometres from the Parklands site.

Burrningbar Community Association Inc., meeting on Tuesday 13th February, there is overwhelming support for North Byron Parklands to be granted permanency.

Our community has been in consultation with the management of Falls & Splendour Festivals and through their efforts we anticipate more local businesses will emerge to service a growing demand for tourists, including cafes, restaurants, small scale accommodation and career opportunities that would otherwise not be available to the residents of small rural villages.

We acknowledge and recognise the positive contribution the Parklands management and festival organisers have made to the surrounding community over the past several years.

Some of the 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-Burrningbar-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
- The opportunity for community/not for profits to have an area to hold inter-school activities, sports tourism
- The possible provision conference facilities for a vast array of uses from health & well being to corporate functions
- 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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