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Brunswick Heads

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RE: Exhibition of Modification Request Cultural Events Site, North Byron Parklands  
APPLICATION No. MP 09\_0028 MOD 4

I wish to register my objection to Parklands being given this modification. in the face of so many problems. Numerous breaches of the current consent conditions have occurred.

Parklands has had ongoing problems with traffic, noise, litter and negative impact on the natural environment including flora and fauna. Locals and police have real concerns about on-site safety, public health and emergency evacuation.

The off-site impacts on residents' amenity cannot be overstated. Brunswick Head is a truly unique village of about 1600 people. I am not going to stand by and let my town become collateral damage to a private business, North Byron Parklands! Parklands busses their patrons into our town with their numbers more than doubling the population of the town. This is unacceptable. Parklands should cater for their patrons onsite. These huge influxes are putting off our usual family visitors and turning our town into a party town, where the focus is on music rather than the natural 'simple pleasures' of our town. This is what happened in Byron Bay and we will not let it happen here. Why is bigger always better?

While some local businesses may benefit, not all do. Many businesses that cater to residents lose money during festivals. Also, any benefits should be weighed against the costs to the community in terms of loss of amenity, disturbances, security and safety issues.

An extension from the state government is not required.

Parklands can apply to Byron Shire Council for an extension. The current approval states that Parklands must apply to Byron Shire Council to get approval for any festivals after 31 Dec 2017. Locals object to this huge event site and our local government representatives are best equipped to make the best decision for our shire. The time has come for Parklands to become accountable to the local community and to do what is expected from them and to work with the local community that they are part of. They have had the benefit of state government in getting established and to help them find their feet. Five years was the time given and the conditions of the PAC (Planning Assessment Commission) need to be adhered to as set out in the agreement accepted by Parklands, "outdoor events following the trial period will require approval from the Council under part 4 of the EP&A Act".

I hope that you will stand by the PAC conditions of the original conditions of Parkland approval and deny this modification and, in the process, save my beautiful home town of Brunswick Heads.

Thank you for your time,

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