

# *POTTSVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC*

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Attention: Ms Pamela Morales

**VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION PORTAL**

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Dear Pamela

**Re: Proposed North Byron Parklands Cultural Event Site (SSD 8169) and modification of the Concept Plan (MP09\_0028 Mod 5 and MP09\_028 MOD3)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the above-mentioned modifications to the Concept Plan following the completion of the trial Cultural events site at Wooyung / Yelgun. We provide the following initial comments for consideration:

***MP09\_0028 MOD5 – proposed changes to event capacities and types and updates to reflect a permanent cultural events site at North Byron Parklands Cultural Events site for events with up to 50,000 patrons.***

While we are supportive of the Events we object to the **permanent** granting of a licence due to the significant number of improvements we believe Billinudgel Property Pty Ltd (the Applicant) needs to make to minimise the impact on the Pottsville community and other Tweed Local Government Area communities. We are of the opinion a further 5 year extension to the Applicant's temporary licence, with conditions attached to ensure the issues raised by Pottsville Community Association Inc., Tweed Shire Council, Byron Shire Council and Tweed Byron Local Area Command are addressed, is necessary to ensure the best interests of the community are protected.

1. **Noise** – The proposed use is a significant intensification when compared to the trial period. During the trial period the maximum patrons was 32,500. The proposed gradual increase to 50,000 is significant. Noise is a significant concern for the community and as such requires independent review of the proposed noise mitigation measures.
2. **Safety and Security** - Achieving a satisfactory policing response to the site, while also providing a first response to the general community isn't possible with the current TBLAC policing resources. The significant level of drug, intoxication and violence incidences are not acceptable for the community currently, let alone for the proposed increases.

3. **Traffic Management and Emergency Management** - Traffic management due to the limited availability of roads around the site is severely overloaded and impacts the Pottsville community, general motorists and the patrons. This results in significant safety risks and the ability for emergency services to reach and respond satisfactorily. The forecast reduction in service to Tweed Valley Way for a period of up to four hours, despite being under traffic control conditions, has a large impact on the safety of motorists and also the road through Wooyung Road into Pottsville. Traffic controllers need to be supported further by Police, further increasing the demand on resources.

Changing the Gate E access along Wooyung Road from Emergency Vehicle only to include camper and day patron parking will increase the impact on the Pottsville Community. There is nil information in the Traffic Assessment regarding forecast numbers and strategies to manage the increase. The claim that this will be for the benefit of Tweed Coast patrons is grossly underestimated and there are no strategies to manage this.

Any required northern evacuation route through Pottsville would not be supported due to the disruption in traffic it would create for our community and the flood liability of Wooyung Road.

4. **Event and Road Signage** – the quantity of event signage (parking, directions, entry/exit, emergency) is insufficient. Many Pottsville residents report patrons enquire at their residences as to the location of the site.
5. **Bus Transport** – the provision of bus transport along Tweed Coast Road down to Wooyung brings an increase in disorderly behaviour and noise and requires improved strategies to reduce the impact on the community during event periods. An increase in the number of bus services will further exacerbate existing issues.

A more detailed submission is underway and will be forwarded by the extended date of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.

Yours Sincerely

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