

I strongly object to DA proposal by NORTH BYRON PARKLANDS, I object to the size and scale of the changes they wish to make to the site in regards to the patron numbers and the buildings they want to build. I object that this has been taken out of the local government hands and that a multinational company from the USA is proposing excessive over development of the site in the nature of building a conference centre, permanent bar – it is a greedy unnecessary and will be of VERY limited benefit to the people who live in the shire. We want people to live here not just come to make money and leave. Brooke Crowle

OVER DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE INTENDED FOR MUSIC FESTIVALS

Whilst music festivals have always been a part of the Shire this DA is driven by commercial and monetary gains rather than adding a creative element to the area. CONFERENCE CENTRE AND PERMANENT BAR ALONG WITH A BUILT AMPHITHEATRE ARE NOT REQUIREMENTS FOR MUSIC FESTIVALS IN OTHER LOCATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. Are they planning to open a hotel too?

PATRON NUMBERS – An increase from 35, 000 to 50,000 is a huge difference. Local people are not opposed to festivals just the amount of them and the size. We are not a major city, we are small regional town having this imposed on us and we do not have the infrastructure to support it. The proposed development is completely inconsistent with the lifestyle and the reasons that people come to LIVE here. Even people who attend Splendour in the Grass say that it has got too big, and there has been talk of increasing the age restriction to 18 years and over.

IMPACT TO PERMANENT RESIDENTS – We don't want it just to be a tourist town, real people live in the Shire. With approx. 20,000 people staying on site at North Byron Parklands that leaves an extra 30,000 people looking for accommodation. Already the shire is a destination for holiday periods and more events of this ilk is putting pressure on the accommodation that is available in the shire. To the point where the people who work locally can't afford/find some where to live permanently as they get thrown out to accommodate Air BNB or higher paying visitors.

The local community is under threat with the constant pressure of festival goers chewing up local resources. Ultimately it will break down the fabric of smaller suburbs like South Golden, Ocean Shores and Brunswick Heads. Byron already has a major problem with affordable permanent accommodation.

If North Byron Parklands can accommodate so many people for a festival why doesn't LIVE NATION build some affordable housing on the site for permanent residents or staff who work & live in the shire ?

TRAFFIC IMPACT – The roads in Byron shire already suffer increased congestion during holiday periods approx. (January/Easter/School Holidays & Festivals). Local roads are poorly maintained due to the size of the shire and low amount of rate payers supporting the infrastructure. With numbers of 50,000 people trying to move within such a small area the impact will be major on the roads.

Previous studies have proven that the predicted road/traffic movements in DA's are often not accurate and that the reality could be a lot worse. *Even festival goers complain about the 3 hour long queues to get in and out of some of the festivals.*

NOISE IMPACT - for residents of South Golden and Ocean Shores, particularly on weekends, late at night and holiday periods when residents are at home trying to enjoy some peace and quiet. ...

WASTE and LITTER– the increased amount of one use plastic rubbish after every festival day, litter from patrons on the roadsides in past years has been ugly and has spread as far Mooball & Burringbar. The people who come to live in this area are trying to live a sustainable lifestyle. Festival goers are not interested in doing what's right, they are interested in having a good time.

SAFETY & SECURITY- It's been reported that the site presents major issues and the potential for disaster as there is no way of evacuating the site with eight hours at the *current capacity of 35,000*. Already there are stretched police resources in the shire and to add increased patronage and more festivals would impact on the ability of the police to cope.

The only reason LIVE NATION wants to increase patron attendance is so they can make more money. This isn't about helping regional areas, this company isn't an NGO – it is a US multinational corporation, using one use plastic bottles, creating rubbish, clogging up the roads pretending to be good citizens. What is it doing in the heart of the NSW North Coast?

