SP 21408 - 15 Doncaster Ave, Kensington objections to Randwick Racecourse night racing proposal

Pedestrians, Traffic & Noise concerns

Our strata property 15 Doncaster Ave is approximately:

- 300 m from Ascot Street entrance taxi drop off and pick up area, multi-storey car parking entry.
- 500 m from Bowral Street entrance
- 350 m from Alison Road, Gate 1 entrance
- 130 m from Alison Road busway
- 240 m from ES Marks Light Rail Station
- 400 m from Randwick Royal Light Rail Station

There is an increase in noise associated from pedestrians, foot and car traffic during Randwick Racecourse racing weekly meets on Saturdays during the day. Randwick Racecourse hospitality employees can be seen arriving early morning, occupying all day parking spots on Doncaster Ave and surrounding streets. Racecourse patrons using ride share transport alight on Doncaster Ave. Patrons gather on the street at the front of our building as car share pick up/ waiting area.

The proposed night racing event hours 6pm till 10 pm will have a negative impact on local residents. Patrons leaving the Randwick Racecourse at 10 pm will see an increase in noise, foot and car traffic along Doncaster Ave, Ascot and Bowral Streets. It will mean up to 15,000 patrons (medium race event) waiting for private and public transport will loiter in and around Kensington residential streets effectively until 11 pm or later on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and public holidays between October – April.

It is unreasonable for local residents to put up with the level of noise, foot and car traffic night racing will invite into our neighbourhood. In particular on Saturdays when racing will effectively run day and night, allowing no respite for local residents.

Furthermore during October - April, events such music festival, concerts, football matches etc held in Centennial Park and Moore Park stadium will coincide with night race schedule. The collective impact of the issues (already mentioned) from these events occurring simultaneously in the evening is unfair on the residents.

Security & Safety concerns

Our strata property has a common driveway and front car parking spot that is open to the Doncaster Ave street front. On several occasions I have witnessed Randwick Racecourse patrons trespassing on our strata property:

 Individual and groups of Randwick Racecourse patrons use our bin bay area as a urinal. The bin bay area is closest to the street front. SP 21408 - 15 Doncaster Ave, Kensington objections to Randwick Racecourse night racing proposal

- A group of men use our landscaped garden beds as a urinal. The garden beds is in the middle section of our strata property.
- An individual illegally parked their vehicle in our front car parking spot. I phoned Randwick Council and the Randwick Police to inquire if the car could be towed off our property but unfortunately we were not permitted to intervene.

With up to 15,000 patrons descending into our neighbourhood we will witness further incidents of anti-social behaviour on our strata property. This behaviour by Randwick Racecourse patrons is not tolerated as it negatively impacts the safety and wellbeing of the tenants in our building which comprise of young families.

Alcohol, Waste and Odour concerns

The night racing proposal to engage a third party cleaning contractor to work within Randwick Racecourse site is inadequate. Randwick Racecourse needs to address the litter left by patrons on foot walking to and from the Racecourse venue through residential areas with BYO alcoholic beverages. Patrons routinely litter leaving glass, paper and plastic packaging on the residential property and nature strips on Doncaster Ave and Alison Rd busway. The night racing proposal will see an increase in alcohol litter in the neighbourhood as the nearby Doncaster Hotel bottleshop is open until 11pm Fridays and Saturdays.

Residents living on Doncaster Ave, Bowral and Ascot Streets near transport and the Randwick Racecourse entrances should not be responsible for the litter left behind by Racecourse patrons. The third party cleaning contractor engaged by Randwick Racecourse should also be responsible for cleaning litter outside the Randwick Racecourse site. Specifically, the cleaning contractor needs to inspect the Bowral & Ascot Street entrances and Doncaster Ave, heading north to the intersection of Alison Rd and Doncaster Ave, heading south to Anzac Parade for litter.

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