

To the chair of the Planning & Assessment Commission.

I am writing to you as a resident and a business owner from South Golden Beach.

We have recently taken on a business in South Golden Beach, that was able to see the benefits that a festival at North Byron Parklands can bring to our community.

Having lived in South Golden Beach for the past few years we have seen directly how the festivals work within the community.

Over the years the organizing committee have addressed community concerns and are directly on to any complaints that may arise.

During this years Splendor festival our business directly benefited from the surge of tourists coming to town. The members of the organizing committee made daily visits to our establishment to see if there was any assistance they could offer. They put out bins, signs to the toilets and even followed up on cars that had parked illegally.

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During festival week we saw no signs of trouble or angst, despite some members of the community warning us of the opposite. The festival was really well organized, care for the locals was excellent, we experienced no trouble at all and we look forward to more festivals that benefit lots of local businesses.

I am also a father of four daughters ranging in age from 4 to 15 and I would like to add how safe my children felt walking our streets during the festival.

I write this letter as an anonymous business holder who does not want to alienate those who oppose the festivals, but does want to say how much we enjoyed the crowd that came for Splendor this year. We would like to see the festivals maintained at North Byron Parklands and hope that those opposed to this can see what a great job the parklands group are doing to work WITH the community.

Sincerely,

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MRS BIRBY