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Submission

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I have lived in SGB for 20 years and been active in the community trying to get just important infrastructure like toilets and seats for our village, and to maintain this area with all its Nature Reserves. But I have never in all my life, seen this sort of Major Urban Planning, being allowed in such a documented significant Rural setting. With a rate base, of approx 14,500.

Over the last day and a bit you have heard the pros and cons for this site, you have heard the many arguments that have and will be put to you, but here are some Points

What Im about to say is related to all the documents by DoP but to save time I am not going to relate the exact reference

the old coast I submit the Echo on front page theres a picture of ~~Wooyung Rd.~~ *Wooyung* And on pages 11-20 are all about our events in Byron. This will show you we do not lack Venues

- ☆ Point....Can I make this perfectly clear this is not an assessment for Splendour they are but one of the events that are to go onto this site.
- ☆ Point....DoP is foisting upon this extremely quite area in the North of the Shire a Satellite Festival city that will be importing the same amount of people that live in the shire. In this report the proponent say (p9) there is no site in Byron shire to Cater for outdoor events of the size and scale proposed by this application.
- ☆ Point....We already have the Tyagarah site for Festivals approx 10 minutes drive from us, along new Highway and the Events site in Ewingsdale that the Federal government financed. (p9)
- ☆ Point.... The north of the shire will be sandwiched between two Mega festival sites. With all of the proponents KPI's to be meet on only the 30,000 which they will sign off... on themselves, I believe that all events from small to major must be monitored. As the DoP has no knowledge of the accumulative effects of how these will affect surrounding areas/ villages.
- ☆ Point....The number of nearby residences is relatively low, wrong we are a town, and in fact the north of the shire including Brunswick is 15,000 people.
- ☆ Point.... (p9) convenient to rail and air services, well we are not close to these services, if they mean proponents paying bus services around the area to transport people, if you mean that 3.4 people will share a car, ride a bike this is supposition. We the residents are being used as test crash dummies we are being left to see if we survive. The DPI has no idea of outcomes, thus we believe the DoP has let us down.
- ☆ Point....(p21 3.9) the far Nth coast Regional Strategy 2006-2031 provides a frame work to balance competing considerations of the region and to manage growth in a sustainable manner over a 25 year

As Chris Condon stated Woodford loved them and so they did there was approx millions ^{given the woodford site by the QLD government.} to keep it at Woodford. So why not.

period. To ensure future development caters for housing and employment needs whilst protecting regions valuable natural & cultural resources’.

- ★ Point....This is high agricultural land with a nature reserve Legislated and documented in the middle of it. How is bringing in a satellite city saving this section of land when the proponents footprint for this site is as big as the town it sits next to.
- ★ Point.... (p28) Assessment 5.1 The size and frequency of events carried out at the site was a contentious issue raised by government agencies and the public. This is an understatement. So why did the DoP come back with even higher numbers than where submitted against. And it is seen that the DoP has even helped the proponents overcome any hurdles re the planning & footprint of this satellite city, this does not sit well with the residents, again I state we are the crash dummies.
- ★ Point....We are already a world renowned area with over 1.45 million guests a year, again I stress with a rate base of only approx 14,500,
- ★ Point....81% of submissions received have said no to this satellite city.
- ★ We see in the assessment that we need or should have this site well the community in the north don't want it.
- ★ There is no mention in the document that says that the use of this site for this satellite city can be stopped or cancelled completely. Why
- ★ Point.... it will stretch our council resources to the point that our rates are going to be so high people will find they are unable to live here anymore.
- ★ Point.... our insurance premiums are going to rise spoken to my insurance company
- ★ Point....our infrastructure will not cope when we are in drought not enough water for residents, plus visitors let alone 30,000 festival people, with increase over next 5 years.
- ★ Point....The cut and fill that is meant to go to the car park. It has not been stated where all this is to come from, and how much, they are still filling the Flood Plain, and over the years they will fill it more and more with no thought of the villages that this will impact on and the residents that will go under water... see Marshalls Creek Floodplain Paper
- ★ Point....Sewerage is always compromised at Christmas, and other school holidays, from residents and visitors, now add to this the Festivals there is no mention as to where the sewerage is going to be discharged. There is no mention of how many serage and water truck movements there are in a day either.

- ★ Point....the noise generated is going higher than Industrial noise, how can the environment and humans cope with that nonstop noise level for days. Fencing patrons out and animals in speaks for itself.
- ★ Point...proponents
- ★ Point.... Noise that has a lot of bottom end or any sound that is continued for days on end becomes a health issue.
- ★ Point....our Roads cannot cope with the over load this many Festivals are going to generate, and sending city folk onto country roads is a recipe for disaster, parking is going to be intrusive when patrons car park is full, patrons going to be sent into villages to park. Buses that are contracted to pick up patrons, large crowds will gather at pick up and drop of points,
- ★ Point....extra tar weights on roads already in need of repair badly, New Brighton Rd as an example has no verge on the river side, will collapse under this much use in peak times, and council doesn't have the budget to fix.
- ★ Point....staggering patrons leaving the site over festivals Days is going to cause great anguish to communities that are not able to cope with the intrusion of this many people that cannot be accommodated.
- ★ Point....the residents of Jones road have had their civil liberties taken away and have not even been consulted re this development.
- ★ Point....flooding and Fire are killers in this area and the evacuation plans will be placing our Local Emergency Unit services and patrons at risk
- ★ Point....Police and SES where notified by me of the increase in numbers and I believe they were shocked at the large increases in the DoPs Assessment.
- ★ Point.... I'm allowed to say that police have informed me that the 136 - 150 extra paid of duty policemen will have to be increased as the number of patrons go's up. I would like to know how these will be picked if they are of duty does that mean that they have just finished a shift, and will go back out again doing another 12 hour shift or are they on sick leave or on holidays.
- ★ Point....there is far too much area to manage re illegal camping an far to bigger chance that a fire could be started by said person or persons eg. Smoking, illegal camp fires etc.
- ★ Point....camping area near peat unbelievable, 25,000 patrons with 12 people to watch over this for the many days of these Festivals, why this is allowed is a statistical nightmare.

* Why should a development of this scale be exempt??
 Again I put to you that the proponents don't have to pay any section of funds. I ask why not? We, the rate payers will be left to ~~pick up~~ bear the cost of what happens outside the city of NBRB.

- ☆ Point....No temporary structures are safe if we have a storm cell like we have seen in past years, mini cyclone punching garage doors out, trees on houses, brick walls demolished. Storm date 2002
- ☆ Point....this area has been declared a Natural Disaster this week how will proponents cope with paying for the removal of cars and damage to the floodplain and the Marine National Park. No mention of clean up in assessment.
- ☆ Point.... The proponents within this satellite city have catered for all the needs that the punters want. Do not tell me that this is not about the money it is, again the majority of Byron have said no to this assessment why has Dop come back with an increase in numbers?
- ☆ Point.....you cannot nor, should you, put urban planning into a Rural Nature reserve, which is also classified as prime Ag. Land with livestock and think that it will work well.

Look I could go on and on but you have hundreds of extremely thought-provoking submissions as to why this development should not go ahead. Again I state we are not against Festivals we have approx. over 41 per year, we are only against Festivals being held in a rural area and not in the Historical Site of Byron. I ask the PAC to take a really good look around this site with all its immense numbers of patrons and say NO.