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I am horrified to learn of the increase of patrons from 30.000, to 50.000. in future, this is madness, total greed for the promoters and more angst for local residents, what right has your group of out of town members got to ruin the amenity of locals in the nth of the shire, who were here years before any festivals and used to have a good lifestyle, which between holiday lets and booze and drug fests has been ruined, and we will call the events cultural ha ha.

They cannot cope with the crowds as it is, and if they say they can they are lying, have your committee or the promoters been near the site at two am to see hundreds of stoned/drunk patrons trying to get home, there are no street lights, the buses cant cope, so they walk, or sleep it off on the sides of the road, people arrive at the site at different times and the drop off points work well, but at the other end with all trying to leave at once it is bedlam, like everything else people will be killed before something is done they even find their way to the 110klm motorway to try and hitch to Byron, people think the site is at Byron bay itself instead of 25k away, all the news outlets call it Byron, and the kids are fooled into paying mega money for accom, and catch buses there, which works well but they cannot get home.

I had grand kids come and stay, I was quite happy to drive them there, and gave instructions where to get of the bus nearest to home, one night they copped an angry bus driver, who refused to stop at the SBA church stop, and dropped them at another location, in the pitch dark, I get the phone call at 2am and had to find them.

I heard that the promoters say they have no responsibility for what happens outside the site, would like to see that tested in a court of law, they entice the people here, and the people trash the surrounding streets and beach, the council and if you know anything about Byron council are next to hopeless, they say you cannot walk to the site, thousands do, drive somewhere near, get changed, go to the site, walk back and sleep in their cars, where are the rangers?

There is a travellers stop near the site, which caravans, motorhomes etc stay or rest and use the driver reviver caravan to have a break, it is supposed to be a road safety thing, the word is out when festivals are on and the site is avoided by travellers, instead it fills up with patrons who are off to the site, they tank up on their drugs of choice and walk to the site, they come back later to sleep it off in their cars, wake up mid morning and expect the driver reviver workers to give them coffees and food, and they even want their phones charged, the cheek of people, my wife and I were doing the early shift during splendor and a bloke woke up and realized he had broken his ankle during the night and was not aware of it, that is not what the driver reviver is meant for. After every festival the promoters give a donation to some obscure group, in exchange for a nice letter to the editor, if they expect the Lions Club through the driver reviver site to do the same, maybe they should throw their way to cover coffees and first aid. Every year, people die, lots of drug overdoses, hoons take over streets, and nothing is ever reported, because the local papers are afraid of losing revenue through the

advertising in the paper, so no negative reporting.

So the next fire, flood, stampede, terrorist scare, it has happened here with a surge, and it happened in Victoria at Falls and people were injured, we will say we told you so, the mayor, some other people on the council live on acreage and they do not have to put up with this sort of thing, why should a percentage of ratepayers, who pay the same amount of rates as other have to put up with this crap on so many more days than was originally allowed.

Why should I have to close my windows in the middle of summer so that I can sleep because of the noise.

Finally why should a section of the community have to suffer because of the greed of others

I hope you will consider this very carefully

Thanks

Kerry Northwood & family

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