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Subject: PLEASE READ: For IPC Commissioners re North Byron Parklands Cultural Events Site Project SSD 8129 and MP 09 0028
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RE: North Byron Parklands Cultural Events Site Project SSD 8129 and MP 09 0028

My name is Sarah Sullivan and I am writing IN SUPPORT of the Department of Planning and Environments' assessment of the North Byron Parklands application to become a permanent event site.

I agree with the Department of Planning and Environment's conclusion that the Parklands site (with the usage as outlined), remains in the public interest and that it will continue to provide significant public benefits to surrounding and regional communities through increased employment opportunities and through attracting a variety of cultural events to the site.

Cultural diversity is so important which is why I feel it's important that North Byron Parklands is allowed to continue to host these events. It's not every weekend. It's currently 2 times a year! Also, cultural diversity does not always mean loud music, it can be world music, classical music or a theatrical performance. It could be an opera under the stars in the amphitheatre or a small gathering or artists conducting still life painting in the bush. It's a great space that is used infrequently throughout the year. I believe these events add value to anyone seeking cultural diversity.

I have attended many of the festival events held at North Byron Parklands and believe it to be a well-managed site. I know many small business operators in the area that rely heavily on the two festivals for their livelihood and the livelihood of the local people they employ. This is huge for an area where unemployment is so high.

I attended the recent IPC meeting held in December. I didn't speak but went along to observe and hear community

perspectives. Having now been at 3 of these meetings I can see that it's the same small group of people making the same complaints over and over again. I was personally disappointed not to see young people speaking at the event because it seems that a small group of objectors of a certain demographic dominate proceedings and the youth perspective is not represented. It is as though young people don't count and shouldn't be allowed to have these opportunities to gather.

I would also like to remind the IPC that Live Nation have absolutely nothing to do with North Byron Parklands. Anyone with the internet and ability to do basic research would know that.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sarah Sullivan (Fisher)

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