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## INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION – MONDAY 10 DECEMBER, 2018

*"We're committed to building community confidence and trust in the decision-making process for major development and land-use planning by maintaining a high level of independence, expertise and transparency." IPC website.*

Today's effort should really be called Tick the Boxes.. because none of the well researched documented complaints made by the community have ever been acted upon or recognized.

### ISSUES

There is no confidence or trust in the decision making process. The five year trial demonstrated massive failures and high risks. Complaints by the community are ignored. Police recommendations are ignored. The serious risks of flood and bushfires has exponentially increased with climate change. Imagine a desk study to model how to move out 50,000 plus people and then compare with a real life experience. A massive disconnect.

**GOVERNMENT SHOULD BEAR RISK OF CATASTROPHIC FIRE AND FLOOD INCLUDING LOSS OF LIFE. WHAT KIND OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE WOULD COVER THE EVIDENCE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF MAJOR FLOODING ON THE SITE ?**

### CONDITIONS OF CONSENT.

Consistently violated, Department of Planning compliance is slack, inappropriate fines, lack of personnel to deal with huge events.

Australians for Animals Inc. spent considerable time investigating major breaches of the numbers of ticket sales. Evidence demonstrated significant numbers of patrons over the conditions of consent. As a result of the evidence presented by the charity, ridiculously low fines were levied against the organisations.

No faith at all in any compliance. In other projects where DOP has compliance responsibility, there's been a complete failure of compliance, monitoring and enforcement. Its no different with the festivals.

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### **NOISE.**

In spite of considerable published peer reviewed research demonstrating the impacts of noise on avian fauna, koalas and other wildlife, the Department has consistently ignored the research. The issue has been raised with the Department, research has been provided and yet the conditions pay zero attention to the impacts on wildlife in and around the festival site.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE.**

15,000 school children demonstrated last week. The UN has released a report on climate change which should be an injunction for all levels of government, politicians and bureaucrats to act.

No assessment of the carbon emissions of past or proposed massive increases in festival patrons, festivals has ever been undertaken. Nor has any assessment of the carbon emissions of over 2 million visitors a year to the shire. Any voluntary addition to cost of tickets to "offset carbon emissions" is a joke. Yet another spin when the issue of global warming threatens survival on earth.

### **AIR B&B - INFRASTRUCTURE**

There's now over 5000 houses which are dedicated to providing short term accommodation. Leaving the local population with few options and limited ability to access any permanent accommodation. Any increase in festival numbers and patrons will create impossible situation.

How could Byron Hospital possibly cope with any emergency given the numbers which this Commission is planning to adopt.

### **LOSS OF AMENITY**

Have you inspected our roads ? Or taken into account that ratepayers had their rates lifted to over 32% to cover the cost of damage ? Why should ratepayers pay for the festival invasions and inherent damage.

Try visiting Brunswick Heads when the festivals are on. No ability to get to post office, doctors, chemists, cafes, insufficient beach parking, long queues in cafes.

The village of Brunswick and Ocean Shores Shopping Centre are literally invaded.

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Yet there's no evidence the PAC that has ever considered the loss of amenity or the social cost of these festivals.

And there's no guarantees that the patron numbers and festivals won't be increased.

In recommending approval for this massive permanent gigantic increase in festivals, the IPC and the Berejeklian government are effectively destroying Byron Shire.

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HASTE OF DECISION TO  
FACILITATE DEVELOPER