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REGARDING NORTH BYRON PARKLANDS

Hello,

My name is Tanya Pearson. I am writing as a long-time local resident of Byron Shire and a parent of two children.

I wish to state my support of the NSW Department of Planning's assessment of the North Byron Parklands proposal. I believe the venue should be allowed to operate on those 20 days per year with the conditions that have been placed on the venue by the NSW State Government.

My grounds for this support are based on the positive impacts to the local economy and for the future employment prospects for those wishing to enter the event industry.

Young people living on the north coast have a tough time finding employment. Many young people have no choice but to leave the Byron Shire for work. With a permanent license to operate, I believe that North Byron Parklands will be a significant jobs provider for young people.

Byron's unemployment rate is way above the NSW average. We need to keep Parklands and its events here because they provide jobs for our community.

I know of many businesses that rely on events for a large part of their income. These businesses employ local people and locally based jobs are hard to come by. I support Parklands because it's as a large employer in the region.

The government needs to ensure that regional employment opportunities are secured whenever they are offered. Parklands provides jobs, and it's super important that these jobs stay in our area.

Thank you,

Tanya Pearson