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Subject: Approval of North Byron Parklands is dangerous and destructive
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I object to any further expansion of the North Byron Parklands events. The potential for harm to patrons and for damage to the environment is not worth the so-called economic benefits. The events produce only a few permanent positions - the rest are casual and only last the length of the events. The major festivals are majority owned by Live Nation, a US company that is under investigation by the Dept of Justice for serious violation of anti-trust laws.

- The current approval allows 10 event days for large, medium, and small music events and 10 days for non-music “minor community events” of up to 1,500 people.

The proposed usage has increased substantially and is now:

- 5 days for Splendour (35,000-50,000) instead of the usual 3 days
- 5 days for Falls (35,000) instead of the usual three days
- 3 days for other events up to 25,000 (could be three one-day events)
- 2 days for other events up to 5,000 (could be two one-day events)
- 2 days for non-music focused minor community events

This is a massive increase in use and flies in the face of the 2016 approved modification that was supposedly to allow for more “minor community events”. Those 10 additional “minor community event” days have morphed into 8 additional big-festival days and only 2 “minor community event” days. This is a classic bait-and-switch move.

- The proposed modification (MOD3) to the Concept Plan regarding attendance should be rejected. The current ceiling of 35,000 is already creating serious safety, security, and residential amenity issues. The government should not set a significantly higher ceiling of 50,000 in the Concept Plan—the document that sets the parameters for the development.
- There are serious safety concerns about the site and the numbers. The NSW Police Force “remains gravely concerned regarding the possibility of a crowd crush incident occurring. During the 2018 Splendour festival, an incident took place during the Kendrick Lamar performance. This was described as a crowd collapse in front of the stage on flat ground which allegedly involved 100 patrons,” according to their report to this proposal.
- “A social media celebrity (Shammi Prasad) was able to bypass event security by hiding in a wheelie bin and having a friend (dressed as groundsman) wheel the bin into festival grounds ... if event security can be breached with relative ease, NSWPF have concerns for the safety of festival attendees.” – NSW Police Force report on the proposal.
- “NSWPF also holds concerns regarding the current level of medical resources allocated by Splendour. During the 2018 Splendour Festival, NSWPF detained an individual who was under the influence of drugs and had a history of mental illness. NSWPF attempted to arrange for an ambulance to transport the individual to hospital, but were advised that there would be a wait time of 45 minutes before an ambulance would become available.” – NSW Police Force report.
- Police reported 148 drug charges at Splendour in the Grass this year. 115 people were issued Field Court Attendance Notices for 148 drug offences, including two people charged with supplying a prohibited drug. A 25-year-old man was allegedly found in possession of 57

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