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To Whom it May Concern,

I wish to submit my absolute support for Parklands approval as a permanent venue for both festivals and community events.

Personally I believe that the festival has without doubt proven itself to be a positive part of my community and all the areas that surround it. From all angles everyone involved with each event have been both responsible and thoughtful for all aspects. Not only have they made sure that this doesn't have any negative effect in the local area, they gone as far as to be involved in all areas of planning and discussion with local community members and made us feel like we are a part of it, fixing everything that may have been a concern in the earlier years.

It is an absolute pleasure during the festival times to see the positive impact it has on local business and holiday letting in the area. The events each year bring in people from all over Australian and the world and create a beautiful buzz for all of us to enjoy and I don't know anyone that has had any negative impact from this. In fact I believe that everyone looks forward to each and every event each year and the joy that it brings the local area.

It also hasn't escaped us that Parklands have been major sponsors in all the sports groups that my children are involved in and in some cases these clubs wouldn't have survived without the support. Our local school is a major benefiter of these financial contributions and for that our children benefit immensely.

So many local people have come to rely on the income of the two major festivals that Parklands hosts each year and I think that if anything it would have disastrous effects to deny the community of this financial injection now that we have become reliant of it.

I would have loved to stand up and voice my opinion for my wholehearted support for the approval of Parklands submission. It would have been a pleasure to speak of all the amazing things that it creates for my community but sadly I will be travelling for work on this date.

I hope that this written submission will count towards their approval and be counted as a vote for YES for my community.

Warm regards,

Peta O'Neill

