I oppose the increase in the number and size of events proposed by North Byron Parklands.

The proponent has failed to address safety and compliance issues throughout the trial period. Safety, noise, traffic and the invasion of nearby towns have not been addressed adequately by the proponent in the current application. Self-monitoring of key performance indicators has been a joke and the acceptance of Parklands self-monitoring by the Department of Planning brings into question either the independence of the Department, its competence or both.

An Independent Regulatory Working Group including representatives from Tweed and Byron Councils and members of the community needs to be established to monitor Parklands.

Permanent approval should not be given as the proponent has not been compliant to date.