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I want to register my displeasure and concerns regarding the proposed INCREASE in the numbers at this music festival site for the following reasons.

1) This site was once owned by folks who lived in Byron Shire and when they set out to build the site they told us they would never want to harm the local area and way of life. Local residents were all up in arms about this initial development and now look what happened! They sold the festival to a giant music company in America for millions and moved to Sydney!!!

2) Splendour in the Grass and Falls Festival currently make 250-300 tonnes of landfill every year and the organisers are not interested in stemming this huge volume. Their operation wants to get the rubbish off site as quickly and as cheaply as possible, rather than spending the extra \$\$\$\$ per festival to help it be less destructive to our lands and waterways.

3) NSW police have stated that at 35, 000 the site is already dangerous to evacuate in an emergency. 50, 000 would be a lot worse.

4) Permanent status means they could have 50 festivals a year. What an absolute joke. Our roads and infrastructure already struggle every time a festival is held at the site.

5) Every time there is a festival I cannot sleep properly and I live in Mullumbimby!
Every festival we hear people, cars staggering home after midnight.

6) Environmentally, the site has significant animals and wildlife corridors that are completely ignored in this proposal. If permanent status is approved we are talking permanent destruction of so many animals, wildlife but also our WAY OF LIFE here in the Byron shire.

7) The site does not have sewerage! Are you guys listening!

8) A new gate to the property is proposed on Wooyung Road so that festival promoters can route traffic along the coast road through Pottsville, taking the pressure off the Pacific Highway. This will almost surely result in significantly increased traffic in the south of Tweed Shire during festivals.

9) Independent compliance monitoring is needed with regard to noise, on-site camping, wastewater treatment, and other critical aspects of the development. This should be done collaboratively by Byron Council, Tweed Council, and the Planning Department's compliance division. Parklands' self-monitoring and self-reporting must be augmented by neutral, independent observers.

10) The Regulatory Working Group needs to be chaired by an individual who is not connected to Parklands but rather who is accountable to the Department of Planning. Also, Tweed Council should be represented on the RWG (as Byron Council is), and Community Representatives are needed from Tweed Shire as well as Byron Shire.

11) Live Nation, a US company, owns 51% of the two main festivals that are operated at Parklands (Splendour in the Grass and Falls). So Parklands is already supporting an overseas conglomerate with a market cap of US\$8.9 billion (as of June 2018). If this approval is given, we can expect many more Live Nation events at Parklands and more profits sent overseas.

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