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Att: Mr Troy Green

Dear Mr Green,

RE: NORTH BYRON PARKLANDS AND FALLAS FESTIVAL 2019/20

Today, I was contacted by one of your officers advising that Tweed Shire Council (TSC) was banning the sale of potable water outside of its LGA due to supply levels held in the Clarry Hall Dam.

In a given year, both Splendour in the Grass (SITG) and Falls Festival (FF) each purchase approximately 1Ml of water from TSC to supplement harvested water captured and stored by the venue.

Parklands has recently received approval to expand its harvesting and storage capabilities with the installation of 990Kl of storage adjacent to its main storage shed (with a roof catchment of 1,164sqm). While this project will not be completed in time for Falls Festival 2019/20 (scheduled to commence on 30 December 2019 and finish on 2 January 2020) it will significantly decrease reliance on external potable water sources.

I am writing to you today to seek an exemption to the TSC ban for Falls Festival 2019/20. While sourcing potable water from Shackles water stand pipe in TSC is more expensive than sourcing water from Byron Shire Council (BSC), it provides a number of logistical benefits including:

- The ability to accommodate semitrailer tankers;
- More than one fill pipe.

The facilities at Tyagerah in BSC do not accommodate semitrailer tankers and only have one fill pipe, which if the event was to source all its water from this location, would result in significant delays in filling tankers and as a result threaten the continued supply of potable water to staff and patrons at this event.

I would be grateful if TSC could consider this once off request. Hopefully, it might rain significantly in the next few weeks to make this ban a moot point.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mat Morris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mat Morris
General Manager