

Eden Park Neighbours' Association



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Concerts at Eden Park have always been a bottom line for this community and we've consistently opposed these while supporting well run sporting events.

Independent Panels upheld our position and our concerns when considering both Eden Park's previous applications. Therefore, we urge you to put your community's residential amenity, and the keeping of our summer sport, ahead of the business interests of Eden Park Trust.

If you don't submit **OPPOSING** you risk **PERMANENTLY** giving away the rights and protections currently under the Auckland Unitary Plan for **NO GAIN OR BENEFIT TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR YOUR COMMUNITY**. Eden Park Trust's aim is to **PROFIT AT YOUR COST**.

If this is granted - that's it. There's no way to reverse or review. You have the one chance - **it's not worth the risk**.

Concerts - What does Eden Park Trust want?

- 6 Concerts per year (the same as Mt Smart)
 - A 75dBALeq noise limit (same as Mt Smart) - 15 min average not the maximum
 - LOUDEST concerts at the West end facing up to Mt Eden
 - Stage pyrotechnics, firework displays, aerial displays and helicopters – up to 140dB
 - Crowd sizes of 50,000 (midweek) to 60,000
 - And 11pm finish Fri/Sat and 10.30pm other days
 - Start times of 6.30pm mid-week
 - Daytime concerts / festivals any day of the week
 - Duration of 4- 6 hrs - but can be two on same day.
 - 3hrs of rehearsals/sound checks
 - Can have 4 within a two-week period, on top of normal sports, non-sporting events and functions etc
 - Pack-in and out throughout the night
- see over for effects**

Ignore the fact free PR campaign

- Don't worry at all about the over the top/fact-free campaign underway by Eden Park.
Fake News as they say.
- This is a planning issue based on adverse effects – on you, and your community. It's not decided by an uninformed popular vote.
- No other stadium has the same residential and business impacts as Eden Park.
- It has already been declined twice by independent hearings.
- In truth Concerts DO NOT have widespread local support. That's just a PR ploy to minimise opposing submissions. 2 years ago the local submissions ran at 5:1 against.
- The survey continuously quoted by Eden Park was a leading "push/poll" over a very large area termed "local".
- The PR campaign itself obviously lacks commonsense! Commonsense would say when two independent panels have turned it down before, they must have had good, proper, evidenced based reasons.

Submissions close 5pm 3rd April - online on Council site - under: Have your say / resource consents/notified
We suggest going through the application and details here and on our web site, and getting a submission in to protect your future amenity

Check web for details and any updates: www.epna.org.nz **we will update further info over next few weeks**

What will the effects of concerts be?

- Noise will be intrusive and severely impact normal residential amenity – especially as it is during the warmer months with windows and doors open. And it is distorted outside the ground.
- Amenity is personal - getting young kids to sleep, having friends over for a BBQ, sleeping yourself!
- Amenity is also what you buy - your property rights. Will concerts impact the value when you come to sell?
- 75dBA is unenforceable, and we believe it will be much worse.
- In practice a band's sound mixing desk controls noise, and a 15min average outside the ground is ineffective.
- Noise is complex, and low frequency vibration will be a major issue over a large area. Noise also has health impacts. And it will be an issue for local businesses trying to trade and protect their staff.
- Finish times and noise levels will be impossible to enforce.
- Concerts are a major exercise, taking over both grounds for 1-2 weeks, and with hundreds of truck movements and staff operating all through the night.
- They also want military Tattoos - explains the 140dBA request! These can sometimes include military exercises, helicopters, mock battles with gunfire, fireworks etc. This would be unacceptable in a residential area. Wellington's Tattoo was over 4 consecutive nights!
- Mid-week 50,000 crowds for a 6.30pm start clashing with peak traffic and buses/trains has never been done. Meaning a lack of on street parking after work, arterial roads gridlocked, and concert patrons spread over a large area. Each type of concert/artist also brings different crowd behaviours
- These unprecedented crowd numbers within the area after the event will bring patron and traffic noise after mid-night - including on work and school days.

What about concert impacts on sport?

The concert business requires flexibility, and it works best without competing sporting codes - as at Mt Smart.

Dates depend on ticket sales, and second and third concerts are often added. Often mid-week.

Concerts Mt Smart/Western Springs

Feb 22 Sat – Six60
Feb 20 – Thur Elton John
Feb 18 – Tue Elton John
Feb 16 – Sun Elton John
Feb 7 – Fri Queen

Nov 9 – Sat U2
Nov 8 – Fri U2
Nov 2 – Sat Metallica (canc)
Oct 31 – Thur Metallica (canc)

Eden Park games lost/shifted

Feb 22-25 No2. Aces v Otago
Feb 16 Sun No2. ODI Final
Feb 15 Sat – Phoenix
Feb 14 Fri – Blues v Crusaders
Feb 8 Sat – NZ v India ODI
Jan 31 Fri – Blues v Chiefs
Nov 10 Sun– NZ v England T20

Nov 2 Sat – League Triple Header

Don't Eden Park need concerts? - NO

They always make a substantial profit before depreciation. They don't need to provide cash for depreciation. And have repaid \$6m of debt, and trustees have taken over \$1m out since RWC in fees.

Does Auckland need Eden Park to do concerts? - NO

Auckland is not missing out on concerts and has a great range of venues. Eden Park will just take concerts off Mt Smart - costing us as ratepayers.

Protect your amenity in your submission

The RMA is about effects on your environment and largely in this case your residential amenity.

Concerts are in summer time, with outdoor gatherings, doors and windows open. That is the amenity/environment being hugely impacted over a very wide area.

A good submission will detail your circumstances eg young children, elderly, shift worker etc, and relate the adverse effects to how your amenity will be impacted. Your residential amenity is crucial - not just for the continued enjoyment of your property, but to future buyers and others moving into the area.

Fundraising

We will need to engage experts such as legal, planning, noise, traffic in order to ensure a hearing has proper information. Unfortunately the RMA process is reliant on experts. We estimate this will be in excess of \$30k - so please donate as soon as possible, so we can protect our local amenity.

Bank details: ASB Bank Limited 12-3016-0497668-00

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