

Eden Park Neighbours' Association (Inc)



Newsletter

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Eden Park is at it again! More incremental changes to its consenting regime.

Concerts at Eden Park have always been a major issue for our community and we've seen the major impacts these create – we've consistently opposed these while supporting well run sporting events.

Eden Park have now applied to increase the number of concerts to 12 in any given year,

If you want to preserve our community's residential amenity, and keep our summer sport, then make a submission in opposition to the increase in numbers of concerts, along with the proposed reduction in controls.

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**. 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?

- 12 Concerts per year, 6 more than Western Springs or Mt Smart Stadium
- Stage pyrotechnics, firework displays, aerial displays and helicopters – up to 140dB
- Crowd sizes of up to 60,000
- And 11pm finish times 7 days a week
- Later (8pm) sound check times with many controls for those sound checks removed
- Duration of 5 - 6 hours
- 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 with **50%** increase in noise limits throughout the night, **see over for effects**
- Application confirms most future concerts will be at the west end facing east (towards Mt Eden)
- Current noise limits have already been breached
- This would be just a new base to get further non-notified increases. Eden park has already been granted 7 concerts this year – non notified – so treat 12 with reduced controls as just the start – what we've previously warned about...

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.
- The surveys continuously quoted by Eden Park are run by them with self selecting from the Hood, with no response rates or details.
- Economic "impact" reports are meaningless and not proper valid/cost benefit, as they ignore displacement of spending, funds leaving the country to pay for jet fuel, promoters artists & profits
- Concerts at Eden Park will bring no new economic benefit to Auckland. Eden Park does not attract additional concerts - instead it competes with existing concert venues (such as Western Springs and Mt Smart) for the same pool of artists.

Submissions close 11:59pm 2 September 2024 online on Council site

Check web for [submission link](#) and details and any updates: www.epna.org.nz **We will update further info shortly.**

What will the effects of concerts be? A reminder.

- 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 (and we were right).
 - 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 12 weeks, and with numerous truck movements and staff operating all through the night.
 - Midweek 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 crowd numbers within the area after the event will bring patron and traffic noise after midnight including on work and school days.
- If you don't want the increase in concerts submit on the Council page. See our website for details on submitting

Don't Eden Park need more 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 more 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 and or Western Springs 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 spring & summer time, with outdoor gatherings, doors and windows open. That is the amenity/environment being hugely impacted over a very wide area. Having multiple concerts over a weekend will materially affect your amenities.

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.

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