



## APPENDIX 3

### Guidelines for Noise at Events

Noise from certain community activities is permitted under provisions of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*. The purpose of this provision is to allow a balance between the community benefit of these events and the impact on the surrounding properties.

Community events include sporting activities, agricultural fairs, school fetes, carnivals and exhibitions. Noise from these events is considered 'Community Noise' and is exempt from the requirement to comply with the assigned noise level in the following situations:

- Noise emitted by spectators at a sporting activity;
- Noise from people at a meeting or procession;
- Noise from recreational or educational activities at premises occupied for educational purposes;
- Noise emitted from agricultural shows, fairs, fetes, exhibitions and like events; and
- Noise emitted by people during a meeting convened solely for the purpose of divine worship.

Events that are likely to result in excessive noise being received by nearby residences or fall outside the provisions of community noise exemptions will be required to apply for a Regulation 18 Approval for a non-complying event. Applications for a non-complying event must be made at least 60 days prior to the event (see Appendix 4, Application for Non-complying Events), be accompanied by an application fee of \$1000 and should include the following information:

- Details of the proposed event:
  - Identifying all potential noise sources;
  - Relevant dates, starting times and completion times for proposed practice sessions, rehearsals or sound system tests relating to the event;
  - The times that facilities such as stages, temporary seating and lighting towers are proposed to be erected and dismantled;
  - Any other information relevant to the potential impact of the event;
  - Predicted sound levels;
  - Community notification leaflet (must include a telephone number that can always be answered in person for the duration of the event);
  - Noise monitoring at the event may also be required (fees applicable for City staff to conduct noise monitoring);
  - Previous experience in similar events, together with letters of reference or referees;
  - Comments from other local governments or police are encouraged.

#### Conditions of Approval for Non-Complying Events

In considering the application, the City will have regard to the likely impact the event may have upon residents, the number of events at the venue within the last twelve (12) months, the type of music and the "community minded" attitude of the applicant will also be considered. The conditions are aimed to preserve the 'character and usefulness' of the event, while minimising noise impacts through effective noise management. The conditions imposed may:

- Limit the duration of the event and the rehearsals;
- Specify starting and completion times for the event and rehearsals;
- Specify times when facilities such as stages, temporary structures and lighting towers can be erected and dismantled;
- Specify any other requirements, including maximum allowable noise levels, considered necessary to maintain the impact of the noise emissions on other premises at an acceptable level.