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Penrith City Council  
PO Box 60  
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Attention: Gavin Cherry

20 January 2017

RE: s96(1a) amendment request for DEFQON.1 Music Festival.



To whom it may concern,

Q-dance Australia Pty Ltd, formally requests that conditions 3 and 27 contained within the Notice of Determination for DA 15/0477 be considered for amendment to better reflect Q-dance's ongoing commitment to the community and accessibility.

Q-dance Australia Acknowledges the need to engage the services of a Certified Accessibility assessor as part of its community and legislative responsibilities. However, it has been noted that in 2016, the recommendations made by the assessor presented considerable hurdles due to the conditions and requirements set by Emergency Services including NSW Police, implementing crowd safety measures which inadvertently effected the ability to incorporate the assessors' recommendations, particularly regarding the VIP deck.

Q-dance therefor requests that the wording contained within section 27 of the Notice of Determination be reworded to better reflect these constraints.

The following wording is requested: -

*"Any recommendations made in the report shall be incorporated into the operations of the event, unless operational restrictions do not allow for such recommendations to be incorporated. In such an instance, an alternative solution may be sort or an exemption to the items which cannot be incorporated may be requested."*

Q-dance is not specifically seeking any exemptions, rather it is seeking a means to assess with council, options which will satisfy the ethical responsibilities contained within section 27. In turn, if a satisfactory outcome cannot be achieved due to operational constraints enforced by the authorities and or stakeholders, then further consider to exempt any recommendations will be sort and be expected from council.

Further we request that section 3 of the Notification be amended to incorporate the Certified Accessibility assessors report into the '60 day prior to event' tender date. This in turn shall set a timeframe to which both Q-dance and council must resolve any matters which cannot be incorporated into the event plan.

Kind Regards

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