



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Authorisation No. 0006

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION UNDER THE
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1997

NOTE: This is a variation of the environmental authorisation dated 12 June 1998 and subsequent variations.

The Environment Protection Authority (the Authority), pursuant to section 49(1)(a) of the *Environment Protection Act 1997* (the Act), hereby authorises:

Name: **Exhibition Park Corporation**
ABN: **73 765 893 876**
Address: **Flemington Road**
Suburb: **Lyneham ACT**
Postcode: **2602**

to conduct the following activities:

The management of a concert venue that has the capacity to hold more than 2 000 people where outdoor concert activities using amplified equipment are held; and

The management of a motor racing venue where motor racing events are held.

The authorisation is valid for an unlimited period or until surrendered by Exhibition Park Corporation or cancelled or suspended by the Authority.

This is a **standard** environmental authorisation.

Dated: 24 October 2019


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Environment Protection Authority

SCHEDULE 1 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

Note: This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Noise Environment Protection Policy.

1 Definitions

Compliance point - has the same meaning as in the Environment Protection Regulation 2005.

Event - any activity which involves either:

- a motor vehicle race or practice for a motor vehicle race or a motor vehicle reliability trial or speed test; or
- an outdoor concert using amplifying equipment.

Event credit - can be used to purchase an increase in the noise limit applying to an event. An explanation of how the event credits scheme operates in relation to Exhibition Park in Canberra is at Attachment 1.

Go to Whoa Strip – is the area identified at Attachment 2 as the “Go to Whoa Strip”

Noise limit - the maximum noise from motor sports or outdoor concerts permitted at the compliance point. The noise limit is 45 dB(A) unless a higher limit has been authorised or “purchased” using event credits.

Noise Measurement Manual: Noise Measurement Manual, Environment Protection Authority September 2009, Disallowable Instrument DI2009-234.

Rain date - a date nominated and advertised by the authorisation holder as the alternate date for the event if the event is cancelled due to rain on the original date.

2 Hours of Operation

- 2.1 Motor sports and outdoor concert activities may only be conducted as part of the **Royal Canberra Show** between the hours of 9.00 am and 11.00 pm.
- 2.2 Outdoor concert activities may only be conducted as part of the **National Folk Festival** between the hours of 9.00 am and 11.00 pm Thursday to Monday. Sound checks may be conducted between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on the Wednesday.
- 2.3 Motor sports and outdoor concert activities may only be conducted as part of the **Summernats** between the hours of 9.00 am and 11.00 pm. Use of the “Go to Whoa Strip” as part of the Summernats is permitted during the hours specified at Attachment 3.
- 2.4 Outdoor concert activities may only be conducted as part of the **Groovin the Moo** event between the hours of 10.00 am and 11.00 pm. Sound checks may be conducted on the Saturday or Sunday prior to the event for two hours between the hours of 9.00 am and 9.00 pm.

- 2.5 **Other** motor sports and outdoor concert events may only be conducted between the hours 9.00 am and 10.00 pm.

3 Compliance Points

- 3.1 Compliance points for the noise monitoring of each event are:
 a) on that part of Block 1 Section 77 Watson between Nos. 8 and 9 Darley Place; and
 b) the road reserve area between the Federal Highway and Block 19 Section 61 Watson, between Units 5/10 and 10/10 Federal Highway, Watson.

4 Compliance Requirements

- 4.1 **Royal Canberra Show** - 55 dB(A) _{LA10}, 10 min during the permitted hours of operation on the three day weekend at the end of February and/or beginning of March each year.
- 4.2 **National Folk Festival** - 55 dB(A) _{LA10}, 10 min during the permitted hours of operation on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Easter weekend each year.
- 4.3 **Summernats** - 55 dB(A) _{LA10}, 10 min during the permitted hours of operation on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in January of each year. Noise levels for the "Go to Whoa Strip" are specified at Attachment 3.
- 4.4 Event Credits may be used for **Summernats** outdoor concerts on the Friday and Saturday night of the event. Maximum noise limit permitted to be purchased is 65dB(A).
- 4.5 **Groovin the Moo** - 65 dB(A) _{LA10}, 10 min during the permitted hours of operation.
- 4.6 **Other** events may take place on any day during the permitted hours of operation provided that the noise generated does not exceed 45 dB(A) at the compliance points.
- 4.7 **Other** events which exceed 45 dB(A) at the compliance point may only be held if event credits are used.

NOTE: These compliance requirements relate to noise from activities associated with motor sports and outdoor concerts. Other activities must comply with the normal requirements of the *Environment Protection Act 1997*.

5 Modifying Factor Corrections

- 5.1 The corrections specified for tonal, impulsive, intermittent and low frequency noise, as set out in Table 1 of the Noise Measurement Manual, are to be added to the measured noise levels at the compliance point before comparison with the authorised noise limit.
- 5.2 The correction factor for low frequency noise for the **Grooving the Moo** event will be applied when the difference between the C-weighted and A-weighted noise level is 20db or more.

6 Monitoring / Reporting

- 6.1 **Summernats and Groovin the Moo** - the Authorisation holder is required to demonstrate that noise from the events does not exceed the noise limit at the compliance points. The Authorisation holder must submit a proposal prepared by a person qualified in the assessment of environmental noise to the Authority at least 8 weeks before the events. The proposal must be acceptable to the Authority. The events are to be monitored by means of independent noise monitoring at the compliance points. Noise monitoring must be undertaken by a person qualified in the assessment of environmental noise. Attended monitoring is to be undertaken for all events at the compliance points. Results from noise monitoring must be submitted to the Authority eight (8) weeks from the end of the event.
- 6.2 **National Folk Festival and Royal Canberra Show** - The Authorisation holder is required to demonstrate that noise from the events does not exceed the noise limit at the compliance locations. The Authorisation holder must submit a proposal prepared by a person qualified in the assessment of environmental noise to the Authority at least 8 weeks before the events. The proposal must be acceptable to the Authority. In the absence of a proposal, which is acceptable to the Authority, monitoring will be by means of independent noise monitoring at the compliance locations. Noise monitoring must be undertaken by a person qualified in the assessment of environmental noise. If noise monitoring is performed then results of the monitoring must be submitted eight (8) weeks from the end of the event
- 6.2 A Socio-Economic Report must be provided, in writing to the Authority, within eight (8) weeks of completion of the 2020 Groovin the Moo event. The report must contain the following information:
- i. economic and social benefits; and
 - ii. other benefit/s that may have been derived.
- 6.3 **Other events** - The Authorisation holder is required to demonstrate that noise from events, where event credits have been purchased, does not exceed the noise limit at the compliance points. The Authorisation holder must submit a proposal, which shows how they intend to demonstrate this to the Authority at least 8 weeks before the event. The proposal must be acceptable to the Authority. In the absence of a proposal, which is acceptable to the Authority, monitoring will be by means of independent noise monitoring at the compliance points for all events
- 6.4 A Noise Monitoring Report must be provided, in writing to the Authority, within eight (8) weeks of completion of the event. The report must contain the following information:
- i. the name, address and telephone number(s) of the person who prepared the report;
 - ii. the experience and qualifications of persons who undertook the noise monitoring in the assessment of environmental noise;
 - iii. the dates, commencement and completion times of sound measurements;
 - iv. a description of the location(s) at which the sound measurement(s) were taken;

- v. details of the equipment and methods used to take the sound measurements;
- vi. details of any measured non-compliances associated with noise emissions from the motor sport event, including, what actions were taken to ensure compliance with the requirements of clause 4 of this schedule; and
- vii. the details are to be provided by email to environment.protection@act.gov.au

7 Event Credits

- 7.1 10 (to be used each calendar year).

8 Frequency of Events

- 8.1 Events for which event credits have been used to purchase higher noise limits may not be held on:
- (a) more than two weekends in any month;
 - (b) more than two consecutive weekends;
 - (c) more than two consecutive days; and
 - (d) on the weekends before or after the Royal Canberra Show, National Folk Festival, Summernats or Grooving the Moo.

9 Public Notification

- 9.1 The Authorisation holder must advertise, in the Canberra Times and the Canberra Weekly, each upcoming event at least eight weeks in advance of the event.
- 9.2 The advertisement should state the date on which it is proposed to conduct the event and, if desired by the authorisation holder, an alternate date in case the event has to be cancelled due to rain.
- 9.3 The Authority must be notified within two working days of the placement of the advertisement notifying an upcoming event or the cancellation of an event.

10 Plan of Management for Liquid Waste

- 10.1 The Authorisation holder shall provide a Plan of Management for the site in relation to the control of liquid wastes from caravans, food vans and any other sources of waste, which is likely to enter the stormwater system. This plan should be provided to the Authority at least 8 weeks in advance of the event.

ATTACHMENT 1

EVENT CREDITS SYSTEM

Event credits enable motor sports and outdoor concert events, which generate noise exceeding 45 dB(A) at the compliance location to be held.

One event credit “purchases” an additional 5 dB(A) added to the noise limit applying at the compliance location. Up to four event credits may be used to purchase an increase in the noise limit for any one event.

The following table specifies how event credits may be used to purchase an increased noise limit:

Noise limit at the compliance location	Number of event credits which must be used to purchase this limit
50 dB(A)	1
55 dB(A)	2
60 dB(A)	3
65 dB(A)	4

The increased noise limit purchased using an event credit(s) is valid for all motor sports and/or outdoor concert activities held at Exhibition Park in Canberra between 9 am and 5 pm or 5 pm and 10 pm on the day for which the increased limit has been purchased.

The number of event credits needed to hold an event within one of these periods (between 9 am and 5 pm or 5 pm and 10 pm) is calculated as per the table above. Events which commence before 5 pm and finish after 5 pm will be treated as two events for the purposes of calculating event credits. Thus, for example, an event which commences at 2 pm and finishes at 10 pm and for which a noise limit of 55 dB(A) is required will require four event credits.

The Authorisation holder may determine how event credits are used provided that all other conditions (eg. notification period, spread of events) of this authorisation are met.

Once the intention to hold an event for which a higher noise limit has been purchased using an event credit(s) is advertised, the event credit(s) is non-refundable except for a transfer to a nominated rain date.

To be able to transfer event credits to a rain date, the rain date must be advertised at the same time as the event. In nominating a rain date, the other conditions (eg. notification period, spread of events) of this authorisation apply.

An event may be cancelled and event credits transferred to the rain date if either:

- (a) the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts, within three days of the event, rain on the day of the event; or
- (b) rain on the day of the event makes conditions unsuitable for the event to proceed.

Subject to the conditions of the authorisation, event credits may be used to purchase increased noise limits for events held in any calendar year. Any event credits, which are not used in a particular calendar year, cannot be carried over for use in the next calendar year.

GO TO WHOA STRIP



ATTACHMENT 3

Permitted Hours of Operation for the Go to Whoa Strip.

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.00				
9.00		9.00		9.00
10.00		10.00	10.00	
11.00		12.00		12.00
12.00		12.00-13.00	13.00	12.00-13.00
13.00		13.00	13.00-14.00	13.00
14.00			14.00	
15.00	15.00-16.00			
16.00	16.00-17.00			
17.00	17.00-18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
18.00				
19.00				
65 dB(A)				
55 dB(A)				

