

<b>UNDER</b>	Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991
<b>IN THE MATTER</b>	on an application by the Eden Park Trust to hold a concert at Eden Park stadium on the evening of 6th February (Waitangi Day) 2019.
<b>APPLICATION NO</b>	LUC60321018

**THE EDEN PARK TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JOSE LUIS FOWLER**  
**(CHAIRPERSON ON EDEN PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED)**

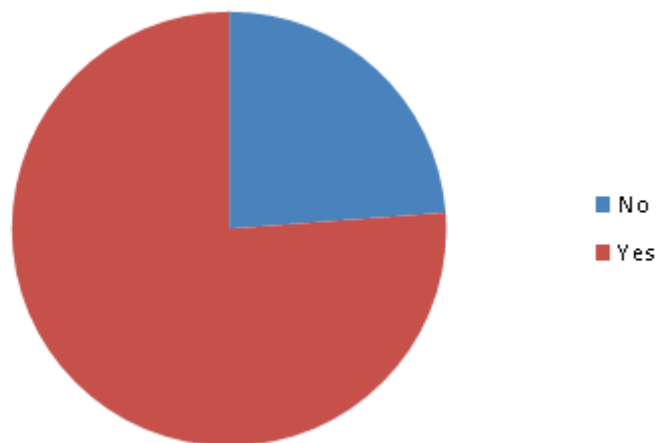
My name is **JOSE LUIS FOWLER**. My family and I are residents of 34 Bellwood Avenue, Mount Eden and live less than 100m from Eden Park and have lived in our current house since February 2000 and before that we lived in Wellgarth Street (off Royal Terrace), which is also close to Eden Park. In moving to Bellwood Avenue we were under no disillusion as the potential effect that Eden Park had on its surrounds, in fact we chose to move closer.

Our organisation was formed in December 2005 as we felt then and continue to feel now, that the EDEN PARK NEIGHBOURS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED “EPNA” does not represent the majority of the residents whom continue to support Eden Park and its activities. It is unfortunate that the media are happy to seek out and print the negative views of the EPNA without further consultation with our association.

We are a well-balanced organisation and in making this submission have taken into consideration all the opinions of the neighbours who have elected to voice such opinions. We have also asked our membership to make their own submissions and I have personally communicated this on an individual basis to those in the minority. Our role as an organisation is to show no bias, but to represent our membership accurately.

In gathering our information we sent out an email to our membership database, we posted on community social media platforms inviting people to voice their opinions and also talked to people in the neighbourhood.

The question we asked was quite simply “**do you support concerts at Eden Park?**”, many replied with a simple Yes or No, others chose to make comments.



**24% No, 76% Yes**

**ALL Comments from Members Opposed to this application**

- Concerts are not appropriate in such a built up residential area and this event is just a Trojan horse for more
- Eden Park is not an appropriate place to hold the proposed concert. There are other more suitable venues (e.g. Mt Smart Stadium) where there are no adverse effects on the local neighbourhood
- We are against concerts in general. We are concerned that it might be being used as the way to lever more concerts to be held at Eden Park.

- I am against this concert happening. It will be the thin end of a wedge to host a whole lot more concerts

#### **JUST SOME of the Comments from Members Supporting to this application**

- We must use the best stadium in NZ!
- As a lifelong resident and attendee of cricket rugby league etc. I totally think Nick Sautner deserves our support.
- I think it is great to see the facility being used. Yes, it might take a bit longer to get home in terms of negotiating the roadblocks when there is an event on but in my mind the benefits to the community outweigh those costs
- Always in favour of events being held at Eden Park but I'd prefer less games on a Friday night (Auckland traffic). I've previously written to the Council in support of concerts at Eden Park.
- It adds life to the neighbourhood and financially benefits local businesses.
- I reckon it just adds to the colour of living near the park – some concerts will be crap others will be awesome just got to accept that
- We are not opposed to Music Concerts at this time - the footprint looks likely to be the same as an International Rugby game and we have had plenty of notice. Our opinion could, of course, change depending on how it goes on the night. Generally we are happy with the way the venue is managed during big Events. We moved into the area knowing that a stadium is close by and we would get disruption from time to time.
- I support the proposed aid concert at Eden Park. I also support the venue being used for other concerts in addition to sporting events, subject to appropriate safeguards including the number of events, time and duration, traffic management, rubbish management etc
- Happy as long as they manage security/ parking/ rubbish management properly. Quite happy with the current Eden Park Management Team and their approach to the community.
- I love the idea, love the buzz it give the hood
- Be really great. Probably time for concerts. As long as not like past 10pm to 10.30. and not Sunday night.
- I would be in favour of all concerts at Eden Park – bring them on!

In summary, based upon feedback and discussions with neighbours the Eden Park Residents Association Incorporated, by overwhelming majority vote **SUPPORT** the application by the Eden Park Trust to hold a concert at Eden Park stadium on the evening of 6th February (Waitangi Day) 2019.



Jose Luis Fowler  
 Chairperson  
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