

WHO USES THE NEWCASTLE EAST PENINSULA

Home to the beaches, regional parks, coastal walks, dog beach, cafes, historic precinct, sea cliffs, aboriginal heritage precinct, surf clubs and ocean pools, it is a pedestrianised zone frequented every day, all year round by: walkers, families, **bike riders**, swimmers, surfers, play groups, **community gardeners**, café patrons, *hang gliders*, heritage walking groups, **educational groups**, joggers, tourists and backpackers, fishermen and **women**, dog owners/walkers, rowers, **office workers**, fitness groups, *elderly residents* and clients of the many small businesses in the area. Not just the residents will be disrupted by the event and the months of disruption leading up to it. It makes no sense to locate a race circuit on this highly utilised Newcastle East peninsula.

Every user of the peninsula will have restricted or no access during:

- 6 months of construction
- tree removal
- removal & reinstatement of traffic devices
- installation then removal of temporary infrastructure
- installation then removal of concrete barriers and fencing (3 months each year)
- the city lockdown for the 3 race days

Residents will have limited access to their homes and have been told that they must register with Supercars for “accreditation”. Accreditation includes terms and conditions that erode residents’ rights even further. They must waive rights to reasonably access their homes, and they must relinquish their rights to insurance liabilities (as do ticket conditions of entry) for death, injury, damage or theft.

Vehicle access for **residents**, **workers** and **visitors** will be problematic during construction, implementation and removal of race infrastructure. The movement of event infrastructure into the very small and already congested Foreshore area (via a transport network designed for light vehicles) with no rail access and no waterfront infrastructure will prove very difficult, highly disruptive and a huge economic burden. Parking for residents, visitors and workers will disappear.

The city will be closed to vehicles at Darby Street, one kilometre west of the race zone. Patrons will arrive at the race zone by shuttle or on foot. They will have to park in outlying suburbs and catch buses into the peninsula. Emergency access is from the west along only two roads.



The East End is now a construction zone. All community events have been moved out - Hunt & Gather Market, surf carnivals, fun runs, triathlons, boardriding competitions, weddings & parties in the Foreshore Park, surf school - to make way for a private corporation.

