

# BUSINESS IMPACTS



Overall Do You Expect Your Business Trade To: (Please Tick One Only)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Decrease	36%	40
Somewhat Decrease	18%	20
No Change	32%	35
Somewhat Increase	7%	8
Increase	6%	7
<i>answered question</i>		110
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT?** During 2017 the Supercars Newcastle 500 infrastructure and roadworks will take place May-December. In subsequent years the bump in and out period will be 10 -12 weeks per year. During these “construction” periods businesses located in the impacted zone are faced with limited access to customers and suppliers and will also be faced by traffic and parking problems. During the three-day race, 26 -28 November 2017, the Newcastle East peninsula from Bolton Street to the shoreline will be locked in. Before, during and after the race, you and your staff will have limited access to your workplace. There are about 150 businesses that are immediately impacted by the proposed Supercars event. Any that remain open should complete a risk analysis and consider their WHS obligations.



**HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD?** During the race, you and your staff will not be able to: hold workplace conversations or meetings, talk on the telephone or issue staff instructions. (See Fact Sheet on Noise)

**HOW SAFE IS YOUR WORKPLACE?** The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW) states that employers must ensure they protect the health and safety of staff and visitors at their workplace from hearing loss related to noise pressure levels that will exceed the WorkSafe exposure standards. Failure to ensure staff and visitor safety exposes your business to criminal prosecution and/or workers compensation claims. Your options are to close your business or issue good noise protection to staff and visitors.

**ARE THERE DAMAGES FOR LOSSES?** The Motor Racing (Sydney and Newcastle) Act 2008 (NSW) prevents any entitlement to compensation claims against Newcastle City Council, Destination NSW or Supercars. Newcastle City Council is sponsoring Supercars for \$2m and undertaking infrastructure works of about \$ 8.8m. The NSW Government is providing Supercars with \$11m or more.

**WHAT ABOUT COMPETITION?** Supercars uses its own providers for many of the race-associated services. For example, the camping provider is a company from Gympie and the catering corporation is a large Sydney provider. Will the local hospitality economy make the huge financial gains Supercars promised when they were negotiating with Council? That is highly unlikely if we look at the impacts of Supercars in other cities. What we do know, is that Supercars is good for Supercars.



**WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF BUSINESSES SURVEYED?** Parking (86%), limited client access (75%), limited information on the event (69%), limited Council consultation (67%), traffic congestion (66%), limited supplier access (63%), road and infrastructure works (55%), destruction of the environment (52%) and damage to property (51%).