Watt the issues are

As a resident of this area you should be aware of the significant impact that the Destination NSW / Coates Hire sponsored Supercars motor race through this area will have. Far from 3 days of slight inconvenience, the lead up to this race will have a major detrimental impact on the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of your home, race days may have a serious impact on you and your family.

The Newcastle East Residents Group inc. is raising concerns with the City of Newcastle, Destination NSW and Supercars, however we are being obstructed and stonewalled at every opportunity. It appears obvious that the decision to bring the Supercars here is purely political and sidelines the local community by placing private profit over the common good and social justice.

Private briefings, closed council meetings and information deemed `commercial in confidence´ has become the norm when it comes to dealing with the Supercars. Despite millions of dollars of your local rates and millions of NSW tax payers dollars being tipped into this event, the community is being treated with complete contempt. Supercars certainly has struck a very cosy deal with the Berejiklian NSW Government.

How noisy will race days be?

A single V8 Supercar can produce sound pressure levels equivalent to 95 decibels at a distance of 30 metres[1]. On race days sound pressure levels in Watt Street are predicted to reach in excess of 100 decibels. The wall of buildings either side of Watt Street will produce a tunnel effect that will reverberate and exacerbate these sound levels. You will not know where the noise is emanating from as you will be entirely enveloped in it.

How loud is this exactly?

The answer is very loud … without protection any exposure to this level of noise will produce lasting hearing damage. If you have a pet dog or cat you should arrange alternative accommodation for them on race days. And if you have young children – likewise you should not remain in your home on race days. Added to the noise of the motor race cars you can expect at least one helicopter thumping away overhead the entire day broadcasting a live TV signal. On race days you should not walk out of your front door without industrial quality hearing protection.

It´s that simple!

1. http://docs.cams.com.au/Manual/GeneralRequirements/GQ03-Schedule-AB-2017-1.pdf

How loud is too loud?

Continusous dBa	Acceptable Exposure
94 dB	1 hour
97 dB	30 minutes
100 dB	15 minutes
103 dB	7.5 minutes
106 dB	3.75 minutes (< 4 min)
109 dB	1.875 minutes (< 2 min)
112 dB	.9375 min (~ 1 min)
115 dB	.46875 min (~ 30 sec)

Source: www.dangerousdecibels.org/education/information-center/decibel-exposure-time-guidelines/

Should you be concerned?

The short answer is yes! You should be extremely concerned. Our faith in Supercars Australia Pty Ltd. and Destination NSW has been found wanting. For example in a breach of privacy, requests for information about the Supercars motor race sent to Ministers of the Berejiklian NSW Government have been simply forwarded to Supercars Australia for response. Seriously, you cannot make this stuff up.

There has been no information publicly made available about the estimated noise levels during the 3 days of the Newcastle 500 Supercars motor race. Residents attending the information sessions asked representatives from Destination NSW, Supercars and The City of Newcastle officers for information however none has been provided.

All we really know at this point in time is that on the race days, the race cars are limited to 95 decibels at 30 metres, that our streets will be closed for the race from 7:00am until 7:00 pm and there will be nearly 30 race cars in each race.

Many homes and businesses in the East End and Watt Street will be less than 4m from the race track. That´s far too close for comfort.

Distance	Decibel (dBA)	Exp. time leading to hearing loss
30m	95	30mins
15m	98	15mins
7.5m	101..............	7.5mins
3.75m	104..............	< than 4min

But what can I do?

Like us: Follow the campaign on social media www.facebook.com/RightRaceWrongPlace/

Join the fight: Participate in the Newcastle East Residents Group events

Tag: #RightRaceWrongPlace

Write: The pen is mightier than the sword, express your opinion in writing!

Visit: www.rightracewrongplace.org

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