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23rd December, 1983

The Hon. J. Kennon, M.L.C.,
Attorney-General,
221 Queen Street,
MELBOURNE, 3000.

Dear Mr. Kennon,

Re: Proposed Sunbury Music & Cultural Festival

Council has recently received a submission outlining the proposal to hold the above function at a farm property located at Duncans Lane, Diggers Rest. (Copy enclosed).

This function, now proposed to be held over the Australia Day weekend of 1985 is similar in concept to the Sunbury Pop festivals held at the same site from 1972-75.

Council is concerned that such a function held over this three day period will cause undue disruption to ratepayers in the area and increase the risk of fires during this traditionally hot, dry weekend.

In addition, the responsibilities of various Government Departments and agencies in relation to the issue of permits, supervision and ultimate approval of the occurrence is not clear.

Accordingly, Council now seeks your advice as to the responsibilities of such bodies as the M. & M.B.W., Planning Department, Health Commission, E.P.A. (in relation to noise and pollution of Jacksons Creek), C.F.A., Police and any other agency likely to have an interest in the festival.

This information is requested as it is Council's view that the ultimate responsibility for allowing the festival to proceed lies with Government.

However, residents of the Municipality look to Council to be the controlling body, when in reality, experience and legal advice has shown that Council's powers to control such happenings are extremely limited.

It is important that these matters be clarified at an early time as it is known that the promoters intend to approach Council early in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. KELLY,
Shire Secretary.