Proposed Augier conditions

Live Nation Festival at 254–276C Hooker Road Tāmahere

The following specific conditions are offered by the applicant for inclusion in any consent granted. They address annual management plans, lighting, noise and traffic management and are not a complete set of consent conditions.

Event period

(1) This consent authorises one four-day festival each year from 28 December to 1st January , commencing in December 2027, for a maximum of five annual events. Site occupation for each event must be limited to 15 November to 15 January of the following year.

Certification of management plans

(2) Where these conditions require certification of a management plan, the following process applies:

(a) The plan to be submitted to Council's Monitoring Team, unless another Council team is specified.

(b) Council to confirm certification in writing or request changes needed to meet the specified objectives and consent requirements. The consent holder to revise and resubmit the plan where changes are required.

(c) Written certification to be obtained before the activities covered by the plan commence.

(d) The consent holder to comply with the certified plans. Amendments must be certified before implementation and remain within the scope and limits of this consent.

(e) Where a certified plan conflicts with a consent condition, the condition prevails.

Event Management Plan

(3) At least two months before each event, the consent holder to submit an Event Management Plan (EMP) to Council's Monitoring Team for certification. Its objective is to ensure the event is managed safely. The EMP must include:

(a) Event dates, operating hours, attendance limits and management responsibilities.

(b) Setup, camping, pack-out and reinstatement arrangements.

(c) Patron crowd management and procedures for monitoring attendance.

(d) A site map showing stages, camping, toilets, food vendors, first aid and emergency access.

(e) Safety and emergency procedures.

Health and Safety Plan

(4) At least two months before each event, the consent holder must submit a Health and Safety Plan to Council's Monitoring Team for certification. The plan must address staff and contractor responsibilities and qualifications; hazard identification and risk controls; first aid; alcohol management; and security.

Traffic Management Plan

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(5) At least two months before each event, the consent holder must submit a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to Council's Roading Team for certification. Its objective is to manage effects on the surrounding road network. It must be prepared by a person with the competencies required by the relevant road-controlling authorities and include:

(a) Access and parking arrangements, including staff and VIP parking.

(b) Pedestrian and cyclist safety, managed crossings, and separation from vehicles.

(c) Bus, shuttle, taxi and rideshare arrangements, including bus parking and layover areas.

(d) Queue monitoring, intervention thresholds and responses to prevent queues extending towards SH1 or Cambridge town centre.

(e) Emergency and neighbouring property access, road-reserve signs.

Noise Management Plan

(6) At least one month before each event, the consent holder must submit a Noise Management Plan (NMP) prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced acoustic specialist to Council's Monitoring Team for certification. Its objective is to ensure compliance with the consented noise limits and hours. It must include:

(a) The noise limits, operating hours and measures to achieve compliance.

(b) Monitored sound checks and noise monitoring locations and methods.

(c) Methods and procedures to ensure consistent compliance with the noise limits.

(d) Noise monitoring equipment and real-time noise level reporting mechanisms that allow the front-of-house engineers at each stage to actively manage sound levels to comply with the noise limits.

(e) Names and contact details of the Event Manager, noise representative and sound technicians.

(f) Complaints and corrective-action procedures, including management of night-time campground and ancillary noise.

Waste Minimisation Plan

(7) At least one month before each event, the consent holder must submit a Waste Minimisation Plan to Council's Monitoring Team for certification. Its objective is to manage waste during setup, the event and pack-out. It must outline litter control, waste storage, collection, recycling and disposal, and measures to minimise single-use plastics.

Capacity

(8) Attendance must not exceed 35,000 patrons per festival day on 29–31 December, including up to 18,000 campers. The 28 December event day is limited to 18,000 camping patrons. These limits exclude event personnel. Attendance must be monitored through ticket checks, RFID gate scanning and accreditation. Records must be retained for three months and provided to Council on request.

Hours of operation

(9) Activities must be limited to the following dates and hours:

(a) Temporary infrastructure setup may start on 15 November and production setup on 6 December.

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(b) Festival arena: 1:00pm to 3:00am the following day on 28–30 December; 1:00pm on 31 December to 4:30am on 1 January. Arena admission and re-entry must be within these hours.

(c) Camping is permitted from 28 December to 1 January. Camper arrivals and departures must be managed through the certified EMP and TMP.

(d) Stages on 28 December: 2:00pm to 1:00am on 29 December.

(e) Stages on 29 and 30 December: 2:00pm to 1:00am the following day, except for a maximum of one stage operating until 2:30am. The EMP and NMP must identify that stage.

(f) Stages on 31 December: 2:00pm to 1:00am on 1 January, except for a maximum of two stages operating until 3:30am. The EMP and NMP must identify those stages.

(g) Site clearance by 15 January.

Noise

(10) Noise from the event, including amplified music, sound checks and pack-in and pack-out activities, must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Amplified sound from each stage must not exceed the limits in the table below when measured and assessed in accordance with NZS 6801:2008 Acoustics – Measurement of Environmental Sound and NZS 6802:2008 Acoustics – Environmental Noise, except that no adjustment for duration or special audible character is to be applied. The noise level must comply with the stated limit for every five-minute measurement period.

Stage	Noise limit	Assessment location
Stage 1	95 dB $L_{Aeq(5min)}$	Front of house (30m from the stage)
Stage 2	96 dB $L_{Aeq(5min)}$	Front of house (30m from the stage)
Stage 3	102 dB $L_{Aeq(5min)}$	Front of house (30m from the stage)
Stage 4	98 dB $L_{Aeq(5min)}$	Front of house (30m from the stage)
Stage 5	98 dB $L_{Aeq(5min)}$	Front of house (30m from the stage)

(b) Noise generated by pack-in and pack-out activities must comply with the following limits when measured and assessed in accordance with NZS 6803:1999, 1m from the façade of any occupied building or dwelling on another site that has not provided written approval:

(i) 75 dB LAeq and 90 dB LAFmax between 7:30am and 6:00pm, Monday to Saturday.

(ii) 55 dB LAeq and 85 dB LAFmax between 7:30am and 6:00pm on Sundays and public holidays.

(iii) 60 dB LAeq and 75 dB LAFmax between 6:30am and 7:30am on weekdays.

(iv) 45 dB LAeq and 75 dB LAFmax between 8:00pm and 6:30am on weekdays and Saturdays, and between 6:00pm on Sunday and 6:30am on Monday.

(c) The consent holder must ensure that the PA systems are adjusted so that sound levels at frequencies above 16 kHz are reduced as far as the physical and electronic capabilities of the PA systems allow.

Advice note: "Pack-in and pack-out" includes equipment delivery; construction of security fencing, staging, production infrastructure, temporary toilet and food and beverage facilities; and post-event deconstruction, loading and removal of event infrastructure.

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Sound checks and noise monitoring

(11) The consent holder must ensure that noise monitoring is set up and overseen by a suitably qualified and experienced acoustic specialist. The specialist is not required to be in attendance throughout the event. The following monitoring requirements apply:

(a) The sound level at Front of House (FoH) must be continuously measured at FoH of each stage for the full duration of the use of each stage for all sound checks and performances.

(b) All measurements must be conducted using a sound level meter that produces results that comply with the accuracy requirements of NZS6801:2008 or that are capable of producing results that meet the accuracy requirements but where there is no laboratory calibration process available (i.e. MEMs microphone systems).

(c) The monitoring must be undertaken using instruments that are capable of displaying the measured LAeq(5min) values in real-time for comparison with the noise limit for each stage and where the FoH personnel can see them so that they can actively manage the PA system to comply.

(d) The monitoring must be set up and overseen by a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) but a SQEP is not required to be in attendance.

(e) Record monitoring results and make them available to Council on request.

Noise compliance response

(12) Amplified music must comply with the consented noise limits. If monitoring identifies an exceedance, the consent holder must immediately reduce the sound level and verify compliance. If compliance is not achieved, the relevant sound source must cease until compliance can be demonstrated. The exceedance and corrective action must be recorded and provided to Council on request.

Lighting

(13) All event lighting, including at off-site parking and passenger facilities, must be located and orientated to minimise light spill and glare. Wherever practicable, it must be shielded so the light source is not directly visible from outside the relevant site. measured horizontally and vertically at the notional boundary of another General Rural Zone site; any road boundary; or within another General Residential, Medium Density Residential 1 or 2, Large Lot Residential, Settlement or Rural Lifestyle Zone site. The EMP must show how these limits will be met.

Parking

(14) Event vehicles must use the parking and passenger facilities in the certified TMP. Staff must direct vehicles and implement authorised parking and waiting restrictions on Hooker Road, Racecourse Road and Cambridge Road. Vehicles used by camping patrons must remain parked for their camping stay, with one entry and one exit except in an emergency. Camping patrons must be advised before arrival.

Parking Locations

(15) Parking facilities must be located at 165 and 221 Hooker Road and 364 Racecourse Road, unless an additional or replacement location is approved under condition 16. The facility at 1510 Cambridge Road may be used only where separately authorised by Waipā District Council, with a copy of its certified TMP provided to Waikato District Council's Monitoring Officer before use.

Additional or replacement parking locations

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(16) Additional or replacement parking may be used only where:

(a) A site-specific TMP containing the information required by condition 5 and implementing the applicable ITA recommendations is submitted to, and certified by, the relevant district council at least three months before the event.

(b) Written certification is obtained from Waikato District Council's Transport Manager and Planning Manager before use. For a location within Waipā District, the TMP must instead be certified by the relevant authority, with a copy provided to Waikato District Council's Monitoring Officer before use.

(c) All necessary land-use consents and other approvals for the location have been obtained. TMP certification does not authorise an otherwise unconsented land use.

Traffic queues

(17) During event arrivals and departures, the consent holder must monitor queues at the Site and parking accesses and the Hooker Road/Cambridge Road intersection. Staff or live monitoring system north of the intersection must inform event traffic control. The TMP's intervention measures must be implemented when its thresholds are reached. Public-road controls must have the required road-controlling authority approvals.

Pedestrian routes and access

(18) Before parking and passenger facilities open, the consent holder must install the routes, barriers and managed crossings in the certified TMP. Staff must supervise Hooker Road and Cambridge Road crossings while in use. Neighbouring property and Te Awa River Ride access must be maintained, except during an authorised closure or diversion. Emergency access must remain unobstructed.

Complaints

(19) The consent holder must nominate a dedicated phone number to receive and respond to complaints. A register must record each complaint's date, time, issue, action and outcome and be available to Council on request.

Site reinstatement

(20) By 15 January following each event, temporary structures, fencing, lighting, signs, servicing infrastructure, waste, plant and traffic management measures must be removed and the Site and event parking areas reinstated to their pre-event condition. This excludes permanent storage and other infrastructure expressly authorised to remain.

Post-event reporting

(21) Within 90 working days after site clearance on 15 January, the consent holder must provide Council's Monitoring Team with:

(a) Noise and traffic monitoring results, compliance findings and corrective actions.

(b) Patron and camper attendance records, including peak occupancy

(c) A debrief with Council's Monitoring and Roading Teams must be arranged within the same 90-working-day period.

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(22) No fireworks are permitted on the Site.

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