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The facts – the LifePod Appeal concert at Eden Park

The Eden Park Trust wishes to explain some aspects of its current resource consent application. The application is to enable the Trust to host a concert on Waitangi Day 2019 for the LifePod Appeal.

Five facts about Eden Park:

1. Eden Park is owned by the Eden Park Trust, a charitable trust established under the Eden Park Trust Act 1955.
2. Under the Act, the Trust exists to “promote, operate and develop Eden Park as a high quality multi-purpose stadium for the use and benefit of rugby and cricket... as well as other sporting codes **and other recreational, musical, and cultural events** for the benefit of the public of the region”. The Act is clear that Eden Park is not a venue solely for sport.
3. The Eden Park Trust Deed requires the Trust Board to ensure that Eden Park is a “successful and financially autonomous community asset.”
4. Consistent with the Act, the Auckland Unitary Plan provides for up to six concerts in a 12-month period at Eden Park as a “discretionary activity”. Discretionary activities require resource consent. This is why the Eden Park Trust has applied for a resource consent for the LifePod concert planned for Waitangi Day.
5. In 2018, Eden Park is a modern stadium on the fringe of Auckland's CBD, located in a diverse urban community and a pedestrian-friendly environment that is increasingly well connected to city transport links.

Five facts about the concert resource consent application for the LifePod Appeal:

1. The Eden Park Trust met with the Eden Park Residents' Association, the Eden Park Neighbours' Association, and representatives from the Albert-Eden Local Board prior to lodging its resource consent application, to explain the proposed concert and to try to understand any concerns about the impact on the stadium's neighbours.
2. The Trust engaged an expert team including environmental planners, traffic, acoustic and lighting specialists to assess the effects of a concert on the surrounding area before deciding to make its resource consent application to host the concert.
3. The consultants' assessments are publicly available and are included in the application.
4. Based on feedback from submissions to date, the Trust will offer a noise limit as a condition of the resource consent.
5. If resource consent is granted, the Eden Park Trust and the surrounding community will be very interested to see how the Waitangi Day concert at the Park turns out. It will help everyone plan for the future.

The Eden Park Trust encourages neighbours to have their say through public submissions, which close at 5pm today, 12 July, and full details of the proposed event are available on the Auckland Council website or via www.edenpark.co.nz/millionbabies

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About Eden Park

Eden Park is New Zealand's national stadium and a globally-iconic arena, located in central Auckland.

Its rich history and profile is unmatched by any other stadium in the country. From its beginnings as a cricket ground in 1903, Eden Park became the primary venue for major summer and winter sport in Auckland when in 1913, the owner, Auckland Cricket, leased winter use of the ground to Auckland Rugby.

A Deed of Trust establishing Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby as the beneficial owners of Eden Park was signed in 1926 and has since been enshrined in legislation. Most notably remembered for hosting the 1987 and 2011 Rugby World Cup Finals, Eden Park remains the home of both Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby as it has been for more than a century.

Eden Park Trust operates as a statutory not-for-profit body corporate, registered as a charitable trust with the Charities Commission. Its objectives are to promote, operate and develop Eden Park as a high quality multi-purpose stadium for the use and benefit of rugby and cricket as well as other sporting codes and other recreational, musical, and cultural events for the benefit of the public of the Auckland region.

Each year, more than half a million sports and entertainment fans from around the world visit Eden Park. The stadium successfully hosts sell-out crowds of up to 50,000 on match days and hosts more than 1,000 non-match day functions per year.