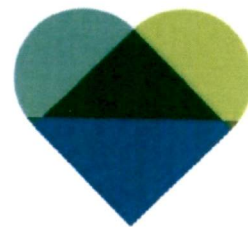


BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE
THE BEATING HEART of BYRON



13 December 2021

Attention:

Byron Shire Council
Mark Arnold, General Manager
Michael Lyon, Mayor
Councillors
council@byron.nsw.gov.au

**Re: Request for Exemption of Development Contributions,
Development Application No. 10.2021.59.1 Byron Community Centre**

All,

Consent for Development Application No. 10.2021.59.1 was recently granted for LOT: 1 DP: 524709 69 Jonson Street BYRON BAY for Byron Community Centre.

As a Not-For-Profit organisation helping the most vulnerable in our community, Byron Community Centre requests Council fees be waived for this development.

Enterprises such as the not-for-profit Theatre Bar direct all profits for community programs such as seniors activities, homelessness support and vulnerable women's groups. In recent years we have struggled to make profits for these programs due to the inefficient design of the bar; hence the redesign to better service patrons and enable increased profits.

The section 7.12 levy currently payable will be a huge cost for Byron Community Centre; drawing from funds that could instead go directly to support community programs. This levy may even prevent the viability of the upgrade of the Theatre Bar and Verandah Bar; preventing the creation of funds in the future to provide crucial community services for Byron Shire.

We therefore ask that Byron Shire Council exempt development fees for this development application, for the benefit of the wider community now and in the future.

Regards

Louise O'Connell
General Manager