

Morning-after blues

SUNDAY morning, and I am bleary-eyed with a headache.

Since 4.30am and until 10am this morning we've been subjected to thumpingly loud drums, sickeningly loud bass and absurdly and unnecessarily loud vocals and announcements, all amplified at a level beyond reason for the Sydney Half Marathon in Hyde Park.

It was so loud it was clearly audible through Potts Point, Woollahroo and Darlinghurst.

I didn't sign up for this event, and yet I had a front-row seat for it this morning.

Why do the halfwit organisers of these events think they have a right to shatter the peace and quiet of residents on a Sunday morning – or at any time?

If they can't stage their events with reasonable audio levels that don't create a wider impact, they shouldn't be given a licence.

But no surprise to see their event sponsor is City of Sydney Council, who have form in treating residential amenity with disdain.

And with yet another half-baked Clover idea on the way – this time her “live music task force” – I recommend everyone buy industrial-strength earplugs.

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