

CARAVAN PARKS AND CAMPING GROUNDS — FENCING HEIGHT

718. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to my question without notice 682 asked on 23 August this year on section 31 of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995.

- (1) What were the reasons that the applications for exemption to fencing height restrictions of 1.2 metres imposed by the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 in the two cases referred to were rejected?
- (2) How exactly were the applications for higher fencing in these cases to the detriment of the public interest?
- (3) Given the answer the minister gave last week to part (5) of the question, which asked for the reasons for rejection, was, “It would depend on the circumstances”, is the minister embarrassed to have given such a poor and meaningless answer?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, I think you might want to exclude that last part, which is very interesting opinion seeking.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 provide that a fence on a site is not to be built higher than 1.2 metres. This is to provide an opportunity for egress in the event of an emergency such as a fire. The two applications referred to were rejected as the applicants failed to provide compelling grounds to exempt them from the requirements of the regulations.
- (3) No.