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Economics and Industry Standing Committee
Legislative Assembly
Parliament house
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Sirs,

The demand for caravan sites has been fairly stable for some time whilst the demand for tent sites has fallen dramatically. The trend is for more accommodation.

In our particular case we have very little call for long term site and have a fast turnover in powered and tent sites. Our on site caravans have been mostly used for vineyard workers who stay for a few weeks to a few months.

Maintaining a viable caravan industry, protecting the rights of operators and users, and providing an adequate mix of long and short stay facilities. These three items say it all. We can do all of these things as long as we are not forced to comply with some idea dreamt up by shire officers or Dola etc, such as number of accommodation units, powered sites, tent sites etc without consulting the owner of the particular park and the history of his rentals.

It is also important for the relative authorities to realise that the various taxes and charges do not hurt the operator but the consumer. The charges entailed in the ridiculous differences between fixed or mobile accommodation of the same type need addressing to help keep costs down, especially land tax and rates.

Yours faithfully
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