



# SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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*"The Council and Staff of the Shire of Boddington, in partnership with the community, are committed to operating effectively and efficiently to provide quality lifestyle opportunities that encourage population growth and development"*

Your Ref:

Our Ref: *ADM 0278*

Enquiries: Peter Haas

Principal Research Officer  
Economics And Industry Standing Committee  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA



Dear Sir/Madam

## **Parliamentary Inquiry – Provision, Use and Regulation of Caravan Parks (and Camping Grounds) in Western Australia**

I refer to your letter dated 23 March 2009 requesting the Shire of Boddington to make a submission to the committee.

The Shire of Boddington runs the caravan park in Boddington and as an officer of the Council I am responsible to oversee the operation of the park

Please find outlined below our submission to the Committee.

### **1. Power Supply Charges.**

As a park operator, we are being charged a certain rate for the supply of power to the park. Unfortunately, because of the requirements of the Electricity Industry (Caravan Park Operators) Exemption Order 2005, published in the Government Gazette on 22 April 2005, we have to charge the caravan park tenant less for the electricity used than what it costs to provide. This Order needs to be updated urgently or repealed.

### **2. Occupancy.**

The Shire is currently experiencing a mining boom with the construction of the Boddington Gold Mine and the expansion of the BHP Billiton/Worsley Alumina bauxite mine. As a consequence, there is a great demand for permanent sites in the park. We are required by the Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2006 to sign a lease with those intending to use the park for residential purposes over three months.

The Act also states that if the park has 20 or more persons in this category, then they can insist on establishing a park liaison committee. It is for this reason why I have only allowed 19 "permanents" to live at the park,

because I do not want to be dictated to by a committee on how to run the park.

Also, the caretakers over the past few years have built up the tourist and holiday maker visits to the park and we have no wish to lose these people once the construction phases of the mines have finished.

I think we have balanced the long and short stays in the park well but have had to turn long stay (permanents) persons away because of the lack of space i.e. demand exceeds the supply.

I trust the above is sufficient for your purposes and if you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Haas', written in a cursive style.

**Peter J Haas**  
**Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor**

23 April 2009