



Shire of Boyup Brook

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



Dear Dr Abernethie

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

Thank you for your invitation of 6th April, to make a submission in relation to the above.

This Shire owns and runs a small Caravan Park (Flaxmill Caravan Park) in Boyup Brook town and accordingly would like to make or support the following points:

1. Support for Regional Facilities

- There is a growing demand for caravan sites in regional areas, which supports regional economies;
- Whereas caravanning and camping is accessible to most Australians, resorts and their like are financially inaccessible to many ordinary Australians;
- It is understood that a number of coastal caravan parks have recently closed in favour of residential subdivision and others are under pressure to do so;
- Accordingly, continuity and targeted expansion of regional caravan park facilities should be encouraged and supported by State Government.

2. Self-contained Vehicles

- There is a growing trend towards large self-contained caravans and recreational vehicles;
- These vehicles contain their own toilet, shower, water supply and waste water storage and can operate independently for several days;
- Consideration should be given to amending the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997, such that a number of minimally equipped sites can be licensed at caravan parks, without corresponding provision of toilet/ablutions and other facilities.

Yours faithfully


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