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Dr Lorraine Abernethie  
Economics and Industry Standing Committee  
Parliament House  
Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Dr Abernethie

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY – PROVISION, USE AND REGULATION OF CARAVAN PARKS (AND CAMPING GROUNDS) IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

The Shire of Waroona has a number of Caravan Parks within its boundary, namely:

- Waroona Caravan Park
- Lake Navarino (Waroona Dam) Caravan Park
- Lake Clifton Caravan Park

Further to this the Shire has a number of camping grounds controlled by the Department of Environment and Conservation, namely:

- Martins tank – Preston Beach
- Lane Pool Reserve – Dwellingup
- Waroona Dam - Waroona

All sites operate under approvals carried out before the introduction of the 1995 Caravan and Camping Act and subordinate regulations. It is likely that the onerous requirements for facilities along with requirements for sewers etc may prohibit new parks.

Further to this the lack of a suitable zoning under the Shires town planning scheme allows for changes of use to more profitable venture such as chalets resulting in the loss of caravan and camping ground areas. It is recommended that all Shires be able and encouraged to change Town Planning schemes to provide for short stay camping.

I trust this satisfies your request however should you have any further request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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