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I am enclosing a letter to your department I wrote to wa news unfortunately my letter was not published as I think it was too long ,however Mr Peter Poat the caravan journalist suggested I send it on to your department I am doing this in the interest of caravanning which generates a lot of money and employment to our great state of WA. In my life time I have travelled extensively through Europe and U.S.A by Motor Home also Australia many times as well as building a large caravan park in Perth 30 years ago so I have seen the changes in the size of caravans also note where you can't park with out a \$50 fine In UU.S.A the National Parks provide plenty of basic parking for motor homes also shopping centres have signs up welcoming over night stays for motor homes I hope you can use this information for the improvement to the caravan public more particularly our Eastern States visitors Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to cotact me on [phone number] or [email address]  
 Yours faithfully Frank Granger [I think the situatin is most urgent]

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Western Australia

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### Letters to the EDITOR WA Newspapers

I have been caravanning in WA for 54 years in this time I have seen caravans improve to where they have their own hot shower and chemical toilet those who don't have these facilities have a porta potty and portable shower

Why is it now that you see NO CAMPING SIGNS erected on most places near rivers and bush sites where staying over night in a caravan was allowed a few years ago

On a recent trip to Carnarvon we stayed at 2 desiccated 24 hr free stays at both sites there was over 80 caravans a night. At each site it had a pit toilet and a dump station for your toilet More of these over night stay's are needed for the increased number of people caravanning around Australia. It is also a fact that most are on fixed incomes and cannot afford the \$30 to \$40 a night for a caravan park

The caravan parks on the main highways at service stations do not cater for over nighter's with drive through sites as most do not want to unhook their caravan for one night. I found that the Caravan Parks in Carnarvon, and Kalbarri were booked out

I was told that Exmouth was also booked out. It is a fact that there is no chance of getting into a Caravan Park in the mining towns

Most caravan parks are now over 30 years old when most caravans were 15 ft long and the caravan parks were built to suit these vans.

Today the average van is 20ft to 25 ft then there is the increasing number of large motor homes and 5<sup>th</sup> wheelers on their way around Australia who have less chance of getting into a park

A lot of caravan parks in WA have closed to make way for permanent accommodation, also most parks have less sites as they put more chalets on their park

There are thousands of caravans coming to WA each year it puts millions of dollars into our economy. Please do not treat them as second rate people some are very wealthy citizens who chose this way of life

What is needed is more land to be opened up in WA for Caravan Park's with a strict limit to the amount of chalets on each park and the zoning not to be changed

We have thousands of acres of national parks some of this should be made available for this purpose. We only use a small amount of this land at the moment for camp sites

The main roads dept should establish more over night stop overs for caravans no more than 200 klm's apart around the state

**HOW ABOUT IT WA ARE WE STILL THE STATE OF EXCITEMENT**

**OR IS IT WA THE STATE WAIT AWHILE**

Frank Granger was President of Caravan Parks WA and Vice President of Caravan Trades and Industries WA 69 to 72



