

**Terry Craig**

**From:** Terry Craig  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** 'laeisc@parliament.wa.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Off road camping



Dear sir or Madam,

Please be aware that provisions for overnight off road camping is extremely poor in this state.

May I suggest you look at the provisions and requirements of these sites in other states (not just Queensland!).

The provision of "off road overnight camping" is minimal in this, the largest state in Australia.

We need tourists to spend their money here. More and more people are taking their holidays by camping in Tents, Caravans and Motorhomes and they often need somewhere to stay for the night other than a caravan park.

Caravan parks are not for everyone. There are many reasons for people to want to "overnight camp", including better equipped caravans with regard to self containment and comfort, personal choice, having a pet with them etc. so they therefore do not require or want the facilities of a caravan park.

All that is required is usually cleared space some distance from the road.

Some shade and an environmental loo is better of course, as is some bins for rubbish and water. The normal caravan can camp for the night without the expense of a caravan park fee. This does not mean that it has to be free but at least a small nominal charge could be levied and collected by the local ranger.

There are also a large number of people who do wish to stay in a caravan park but a lot of these are now being closed down.

As an example, there is not one caravan park within the Broome area that takes dogs! (Just try and get a park in one during the tourist season dog or no dog!) Many older people who are the majority of the travelling population have their pet with them. Provisions should be made for them also.

With at least 20 or more Caravan Clubs in WA and at least one or more chapters of the CMCA, I sincerely hope you have send a notice asking them to assist you in your investigations.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have some input to your investigations into this very important matter.

Yours faithfully,

Terence Craig

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Craig".