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To Mr States

Petition No. 006 - Caravan and Camping Ground Regulations 1997

Please find the information requested in response to the preliminary inquiries into the above petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 11th May 2021. Your reference: A932569, dated 6 December 2021.

1. In the last 5 years, how many applications has the Shire of Augusta Margaret River received from persons requesting permission to camp on private land for longer than 3 nights, but less than 3 months?

Zero – the Shire hasn't received any applications for longer stays out of the provisions of regulation 11 of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 which state that a person may camp for up to 3 nights in any period of 28 consecutive days on land which he or she owns or has legal right to occupy. Generally, any action taken by the Shire is a result of a complaint and the Regulations are applied.

- a) Of these applications, how many were approved and how may were refused? If any applications were refused, what were the reasons for the refusal?
 - Zero No applications were received therefore no approvals or refusals were granted.
- 2. Has the Shire of Augusta Margaret River issued any infringement notices for unauthorised camping on private property in the last 5 years? If yes, what penalties were imposed and what were the circumstances of the offending?
 - No However any possible penalties would be infringements.

If you have any queries or require any further information please contact Hannah Waters, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie Addison-Brown Chief Executive Officer