

We are experienced Caravanners of over 15 years, we would like to see the following comments considered:

All planning should be enshrined in state legislation to ensure a fair and consistent approach by all approving authorities in NSW. Local Councils should only be responsible for inspections and approvals/Enforcement of legislated standards.

There should be no new development on flood liable land.

Bushfire and Flood prone areas need to consider evacuation routes, warning times and available fire protection/firefighting equipment.

Residential parks should be a separate area to tourist and holiday parks.

Residential parks need only sufficient caravan sites to allow for family & friends visiting residents. Few tourists wish to camp among residents or long stay sites. So 95% of sites for permanent would better suit.

Workers accommodation is incompatible with either Residential/Tourist or holiday parks and should be in a separated facility but could be under the same ownership/management.

Government, Local councils and Tourist agencies need to be encouraged to provide for a range of accommodation standards because not everyone wants or needs to use a caravan park or a holiday park. Just as not everyone wants to dine at a 5 star restaurant. There needs to be a choice of accommodation standard for self-sufficient tourists as there is for those who choose to stay in Motels, Hotels and Pubs. This is what a free market should have available to encourage competition as well as tourism.

Showgrounds should be encouraged to provide at least primitive camping for up to 2 weeks for each traveller who desires budget standard accommodation whilst travelling. This will have a positive effect on Showground trust income which may also reduce reliance on government grants and be a positive outcome for underutilised facilities.

There are insufficient "Camping grounds and primitive campsites" within NSW especially in the eastern regions. Primitive camping should be encouraged and permitted in all state forests, Crown land reserves and National parks to encourage people to follow a healthy outdoors lifestyle and enjoy what this wonderful country has to offer.

Crown land should be available for All to use and enjoy. Traveling stock routes and camping reserves should be readily available to all for camping and other passive recreation (subject to livestock usage). Presently these reserves are extremely difficult to locate on maps and in guides.

Rural Landholders should be able to accommodate up to 10 caravans/motorhomes that are self-sufficient for up to 4 weeks without having to gain approval as a caravan park, or development consent. For at least 6 months of each year. This will assist landholders with some income during droughts and make good use of land unusable/unsuitable for agriculture as well as providing safe, uncrowded and picturesque camping areas for families and tourists. This should be exempt development as the business of rural production is already approved.

Caravans/motorhomes visiting relatives and using the facilities in the home should be able to stay at least 4 weeks without council approval. Many people like to visit and stay with family and the existing regulations are incompatible with current needs.

#### Statutory definitions:

Please consider expanding the definitions to include the following:

Holiday parks and Tourist parks are really two different types of accommodation these days. Holiday parks are where families stay for an extended period of weeks for a holiday with associated family entertainment facilities. Tourist parks are where touring couples or families enjoy a short stay whilst touring through and around an area with few if any entertainment facilities which drive up the cost.

"Self-Contained: Movable dwelling (caravan/motorhome/motorcamper)" being one that is capable of containing all waste on board for later disposal.

"Self Sufficient: Movable dwelling (caravan/motorhome/motorcamper)" being one that has on board cooking, shower and toilet facilities with toilet & cooking waste being contained on board for later disposal.

Primitive camping grounds: Being an area of land provided (free or fee) for the setting up of a tent, shelter, vehicle, caravan, motorhome or motorcamper, with permission from the landowner. Minimum facilities could (but not must) include a toilet for each gender, a potable water supply, a sewer dump point (or access to one within 50km) and a fire extinguisher for several classes of fire.

We and many of our friends and relatives prefer this style of camping as uncrowded and generally peaceful and picturesque.

Development consent should replace approval to operate and inspections be annual for one year after consent and 3 or 5 yearly after that depending on compliance history (reward for good management). Older parks should only need to comply with new requirements at upgrade/change of use/expansion time or 5 years whichever comes first.

Roadside Rest Areas: To facilitate and encourage responsible driving and fatigue management ALL roadside rest areas should permit overnight stops for a maximum of 20 hours unless exceptional circumstances exist which make further travel unsafe or impossible and while alternative arrangements are made.

LG regulation should be rewritten to a more outcomes oriented style rather than be prescriptive which stifles innovation.

Guidelines should be just that, a guideline which if followed will ensure compliance with legislation.

There are Over 500,000 registered recreational vehicles in Australia with an estimate that at any one time of the year there are at least 150,000 currently touring Australia with this number set to grow significantly over the next 5-10 years. These numbers mean there is significant scope for communities to capture the spending of these tourists for the benefit of their community by providing a range of accommodation standards to suit all budgets, camping styles and localities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this review. We hope our comments have given some insight into the needs of tourists in NSW.

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