



11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Planning and Environment Submission

### Oasis History

Oasis Resort/Caravan Park was purchased in 1976 by my father Harvey Fripp and was already operating as a caravan park and motel.

Oasis initially owned to the water line, Wollongong City Council reclaimed a strip of waterfront land in 1979 creating an encroachment issue for existing dwellings.

WCC renewed our approval to operate for 30 years with this encroachment issue until 2009.

2009 Wollongong City Council - Rose Cronin contacted myself and after much discussion WCC agreed to lease the strip of land, however, before doing so WCC needed to rezone. Approval to operate was put on hold until the lease for this land was finalised, to this date we are still yet to sight a lease agreement from WCC and are operating with an expired approval to operate.

Application for the renewal has been submitted and was rejected by WCC.

2013 Wollongong City Council - Conny Gissel introduced herself to the park and issued an order to cease operating immediately. This resulted in a costly legal battle with WCC and much upset to the residents, the majority of whom are elderly.

Conny Gissel is treating the renewal of our approval to operate as a NEW submission. Initial talks indicated that to move forward with the approval we were required to have a new community plan. The detailed community plan was a costly exercise, Conny then hits back with an endless list of things she now requires. As mentioned above, the Oasis has been in my family since 1976 and has been continuously operating as a caravan park since the 50's, WCC appear unwilling to recognise this.

Please find attached the list of questions and answers for your records.

Kind Regards

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