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BY:

Dear Mr Phillips

Camping on Toowoomba Showgrounds

I refer to your letter dated 15 November 2016.

The Toowoomba Showgrounds currently offers short term camping for no more than three (3) nights. To promote the interests and safeguards of both tourism and commercial parks in the area, it is approved to increase the length of stay to no more than seven (7) nights on the proviso that these stays do not adversely affect local licensed caravan and/or tourist park owners.

This decision is made after considering the following information:

- There are only three other caravan parks in the Toowoomba area all of which record very high occupancy rates due to their history of providing a large number of permanent/long term van sites;
- The Toowoomba Showgrounds is regularly requested to provide "overflow" camping from these commercial caravan parks;
- The Toowoomba Showgrounds has a larger area available for camping and is more able to accommodate the larger caravans and vehicles which are becoming increasingly popular with retired travelers (grey nomads);
- The area set aside for camping does not restrict the space available for the general business of the Showgrounds;
- The decision to increase the length of stay to no more than seven nights is supported by the Department's Caravan Park Policy (PUX/901/102) – copy attached.
- Short term camping is addressed in the draft Land Management Plan which has been submitted to the department for approval (elvas reference 2017/000343).

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Julie Douglas on 4661 0218.

All future correspondence relative to this matter is to be referred to the contact officer at the address below or by email to slam-toowoomba@dnrm.qld.gov.au. Any hard copy correspondence received will be electronically scanned and filed. For this reason, it is recommended that any attached plans, sketches or maps be no larger than A3-sized.

Please quote reference number TF50843052 in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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