

CARAVAN AND CAMPING GROUNDS REGULATIONS 1997

Petition

HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan) [2.03 pm]: On behalf of Hon Simon O'Brien, I present a petition containing 22 signatures couched in the following terms.

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned are **OPPOSED** to the Caravan and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 (Regulations) in its current form. We believe that the Regulations are outdated, inadequate and do not accurately reflect the needs of the community, local businesses, and the quality of self-contained habitable vehicles and trailers (mobile dwellings).

Self-contained mobile dwellings represent a suitable affordable housing option for many different people in our community, particularly for retirees, small families and seasonal workers. The need for low cost, mobile dwellings is especially important in the current environment of rental housing shortages and unaffordability affecting our community.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend the following modifications to the Regulations:

1. Create a new term and meaning to accurately categorise self-contained mobile dwellings, including tiny homes on wheels, caravans and motorhomes. Self-contained mobile dwellings should not be classed and regulated the same as non-self-contained vehicles or tents, and, as such, should **NOT** be defined as “camping” while they are being inhabited on private property.
2. Introduce new provision for self-contained mobile dwellings to be inspected and certified as being self-contained (e.g., containing a chemical or composting toilet system) by an authorised local government health officer.
3. Under Part 2, Section 11(a): Exclude both non-self-contained and self-contained mobile dwellings from the 3 night per 28 consecutive night camping limit on private property. This exclusion is under the condition that there is a primary dwelling on the property with access to waste disposal services on site. In the case of non-self-contained mobile dwellings, evidence will need to be provided to the local health officer that there is dedicated access to a toilet and bathroom facilities.

And your petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 175.]