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Hi Nick,

Thank you for your time talking to me this afternoon re the short term increase of our Ag Show grounds caravan park site allowance by ten sites. Over the past month our show grounds caravan park has experienced a massive increase in demand for sites, and on most days we been unable not been to accept a large number of these people seeking to stay with us. Over this past week many people have been electing to park on the verge outside the showgrounds, as they have exhausted all their options of places to stay and so have been increasingly frustrated with their lack of options. Many of them have been families with small children and today, one lady who had recently suffered a heart attack and so was in desperate need of somewhere to rest and get out of the heat. On some days we have turned away over 20 vehicles seeking a site, and it would appear to all of us that this is going to be an ongoing issue this year due to the huge number of Australians finally holidaying at home.

The Kununurra Ag Society is offering to host some of these people in an effort to improve these travellers experience of our town, and to assist these genuine travellers wishing to enjoy our beautiful Kimberley, whilst staying in a healthy and positive environment. Many of the travellers that we have had to turn away have commented that "this is turning into the worst holiday ever" which is not a perception of our town that any of us would like. We feel that anything we can do to temporarily assist this situation can only have positive benefits for the community as a whole, and that it will continue to enhance the reputation of the Kimberley as a positive and supportive place to visit.

We propose to address this issue on a month by month basis, as we are coming into the second half of our tourist season. We do though, anticipate that this may be a longer season than in previous years, again due to the vast number of people travelling. We intend to identify the need for these extra sites by staying in close communication with the Kununurra Visitors Centre, and by maintaining open lines of communication with the other caravan parks. We have NO intention of taking trade from other parks that are not full, but merely to provide sites for some of those people with nowhere else to go. Many people arrive on our doorstep having been turned away from all other parks, hoping that we may assist them due to the massive amount of free space we have on our grounds. We intend to take self sufficient campers into the park, though we do have access to power and water in the area identified on the map where we intend to locate these people. We have a well-managed park which is a much sought after venue, and we hope we can assist many of these travellers who are desperate to stay in our fantastic region and enjoy our amazing countryside.

Please feel free to contact me if should require any more information or clarification of our intentions and suggestions. I have attached a map with our application from, and will be available to answer any other questions you may need clarified tomorrow, before this goes to Council on Thursday.

Thank you again for your support in this matter

## Application for Temporary Caravan Park and Camping Ground Licence

CARAVAN PARKS AND CAMPING GROUNDS ACT 1995, s7
CARAVAN PARKS AND CAMPING GROUNDS REGULATIONS 1997, r54
COUNCIL POLICY CP/HTH-3762 LICENSING OF TEMPORARY CARAVAN PARKS AND CAMPING GROUNDS



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