

Chair's Statement on Further Submission by Caravanning Queensland

Before proceeding to our first group of witnesses, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to respond to some concerns expressed about the Committee's decision to accept and table a further submission from Caravanning Queensland.

The Committee's hearing today is an opportunity for the Committee to seek further information on submissions to the Inquiry. This hearing is a fact finding process rather than a process for determining disputes between industry stakeholders.

Caravanning Queensland wrote to the Committee advising that they wished to provide the Committee's hearing with further material at the hearing. The Committee was concerned to ensure that other witnesses were not caught by surprise but were aware of the CQ material prior to giving evidence. The Committee insisted that any new material should be provided in writing so that other witnesses had fair warning and an opportunity to respond.

The Committee understands that there are some strongly held views on grey nomad tourism. However, the Committee is only concerned to ensure that it can receive as much relevant information as possible before considering how Government can best support grey nomad tourism.

The Committee has resolved that this statement be published and distributed to persons who have raised concerns with the Committee.