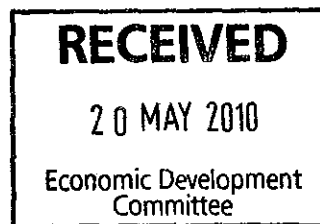


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Importance of grey nomads to the Queensland economy:

1. What economic contribution do grey nomads make to rural and regional areas of Queensland?
2. Are the available statistics on grey nomads in Queensland useful, current and accessible?

1. All grey nomads have to buy fuel and food as they travel, and most will visit museums and attractions in and around the communities they visit. 2. I doubt that the current statistics are accurate, the growth in numbers is hard to believe when travelling especially in Western Queensland. I have no idea how to access these figures.

Infrastructure requirements:

3. What are the public infrastructure requirements of grey nomads including health services, waste disposal sites and signage?
4. Is the current infrastructure for grey nomads in Queensland adequate? What additional infrastructure is required?

3. Caravan Parks seem to be closing Australia wide or at the least using the caravan sites for cabins which means less and less are available for touring caravans, Motorhomes etc. Many of the current RVs are self contained and have solar power so all they need is a relatively level place to stop, preferably with some sort of security. 4. As above. Rest Areas where it is legal to stay a night or two, with Dump Points being more plentiful than at present.

Government coordination:

5. What are the major issues relating to the regulation of Queensland's camping and caravan parks?

5. It is annoying although probably unavoidable that CP charges rise dramatically during holiday periods. It is also rather sad that National Parks are not available for camping at much lower cost, especially considering the almost non-existent facilities.

Marketing and promotion:

6. What is the best method of marketing Queensland's rural and regional communities to grey nomad tourists?

6. The caravan fora which I frequent are very good at communicating value for money and natural attractions in the various regional towns.

Utilisation of grey nomad skills in regional and rural Queensland:

7. How successful have existing programs been in utilising the skills of grey nomads in rural and regional Queensland?
8. What can the government do to encourage grey nomads to use their skills by undertaking work in rural and regional areas?

7. I have heard of some people working for nothing on farms but it does not seem to be very well advertised. I would be interested in such a program. 8. Perhaps provide free stopover areas, or maybe subsidised power in CPs while they are working.