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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?

Why have you titled this survey with the words Grey Nomad? What is a Grey Nomad by your definition? I am not a grey nomad but I am a grey haired retiree traveller who uses a caravan for accommodation whilst travelling. 1/ In 3 weeks I will be travelling via the Outback Way from WA to QLD, then to Birdsville, Longreach, Normanton and the Savannah Way back to WA. Along the route I will be spending money to live and travel which adds to the economy of the areas travelled. 2/ I have no idea of statistics but you need to answer my initial queries first.

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. I need basic facilities of toilets and showers when staying in town areas and dump sites for black water and no paranoia about dumping grey water when camping in bush areas. Health services would only be required in emergencies. Signage needs to be minimal towards directions to caravan/camping locations and is to a large extent already provided on QLD roads web sites. 4/ Infrastructure is generally good in QLD.

Government coordination:

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

I don't know of any except rumours of restricting bush camping. I am not interested in Holiday Parks in large population areas.

Marketing and promotion:

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

Do more of what QLD is already doing using multi marketing methods available to all and sundry and particularly the internet

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 am a traveller and not interested in working. 8/ I can't imagine why significant numbers of retirees would want to work.

Comments:

Keep up the good work QLD you are way in front of other states. For instance NT has introduced big entry fees to National parks, e.g. \$25/person to enter Kakadu or Uluru whilst WA has fees but also available are annual all parks passes discounted for Seniors etc. If QLD wants to discourage travellers then introduce National Park entry fees along the lines of the NT.

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