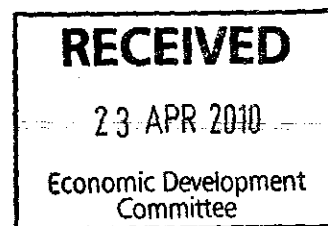


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Importance of grey nomads to the Queensland economy:

- 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?

Grey Nomads bring in valuable economics to the areas they visit, such as the purchase of fuel, groceries, dining, mechanical repairs, tyres, etc. {even op shops}. Personally, we always spend in towns that supply cheaper and convenient facilities. Yes, they are useful as they show that Grey nomads bring money into the local towns.

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. These requirements are very important. 4. We have not toured Queensland in the last 2 years, but intend to spend 6 months up there this winter.

Government coordination:

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

They charge high rates and could provide areas for vehicles that just want a safe spot to stay overnight at a reasonable rate and no power. Most vans are fairly self contained and dont need all the facilities that are provided.

Marketing and promotion:

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

Through the C.M.C.A, travel agents, and information centres.

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?

We find most showgrounds to be very good and have reasonable rates. By advertising.

Comments:

Any adverse remarks travel very quickly through the travelling public if someone has had a bad experience at a certain time, the same as good helpful news.