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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. As Grey Nomads we find that on our travels we average \$140/day expenditure and this is spent mostly in country towns and regional areas. 2. Yes

**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. Our needs are met adequately in the health services/signage fields. There is always a need for more waste disposal sites for black/grey water although we do notice that there are more sites being made available in many towns - a welcome sign. Signage of these when they do occur is OK. 4. Many grey nomads such as those in large rigs, towing vehicles and/or with pets often find that existing caravan parks do not meet their needs ie. large rigs will not physically fit into the available sites or parks do not accept pets - therefore alternative sites such as showgrounds are vital for such travellers.

**Government coordination:**

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

5. As stated above - many do not accept pets or cannot cater for large rigs (ie. motorhomes towing vehicles/trailers etc). Those that can accept larger rigs often charge a double rate, yet these rigs often are totally self-contained and do not need to use the park facilities such as toilets/showers/laundries.

**Marketing and promotion:**

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

6. Offering showgrounds / racing clubs / sports grounds when not being used, as alternative camp sites. Extra income can provide such venues with extra income to assist in improving facilities for local population.

**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. Not in my area of expertise to be able to answer this question. 8. Offer such areas as mentioned above as affordable campsites for the term of the work project.