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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?

With the increasing numbers of 'grey nomads' and other people travelling in motorhomes and caravans on our roads, it's important that there are places for people to dispose of their waste in an environmentally safe manner. There is a need for more dump points throughout the state. While planning of upgrades for many major routes is taking place I believe this is a great opportunity to incorporate dump points, rest stops and parking facilities for motorhomes and caravans. For example the M1 in Logan is currently being upgraded at Daisy Hill and the planning from 8mile Plains to Loganholme is currently being done. This is when infrastructure for motorhome and caravans should also be planned. This should apply to all major tourism routes.

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?

A reduced registration fee or a fuel subsidy if so many hours of volunteering is done in rural and regional areas while they are travelling.

Comments:

Shopping centres, especially those on major tourism routes, be made put in a number of caravan / motorhome parking spaces as part of their development applications. More marketing of this need to shopping centres to encourage shopping centres already developed to convert some of their parking spaces to caravan or motorhome parking. This has been raised with me on several occassions as their are a number of shopping centres on the M1 between 8mile Plains and Loganholme.