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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/ When touring they spend a considerable amount of money in the Towns or Cities they can Stay in. The spend is on Fuel, Food and general needs of living plus seeing Tourism opportunities of the area. 2/ Yes I believe that the Caravan and Motorhome Clubs have data available

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/ Most units these Days are self contained so really all that is required is piece of hard stand, a Public Dump Point and Rubbish deposit bin etc. Those without self containment would Toilet facilities, this is also needed by travelling Tourists in Cars and Utilities. 4/ No No No, However this should be afforded by the Local Authority of the Area. Some Local authorities have done an excellent job but the Bad are BAD. Those areas provided by Qld Main Roads are good, however as they need to be close to the Main Road or Highway, this does not older drivers the chance of a restful sleep which is needed from a driver safety point of view.

Government coordination:

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

5/ Caravan Parks are generally too Dear as most units have the needed equipment on board and paid for. Secondly in the Tourist season many Caravan Parks are full and as many vehicles today are large they cannot be accomodated, there have been a large number of Caravan Parks closed due to redelopement

Marketing and promotion:

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

6/ Make sure that every town or city has a Rest Area for at least 24 Hour Stop Over with a longer stop over outside of the Town or City, As I said previously this does not need to be at much cost to the Local Ratepayers through the Local Authority

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/Iam not qualified to answer this question as I have never done so. 8/ As per 7.

Comments:

I believe that opportunity for the actual people concerned has been given, and I congratulate your organisation and the Government for the foresight in doing so.