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Dear Jason

We read with interest the write up in the Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette a few weeks ago about ways of attracting more grey nomads to the north.

We are rate payers who live in what used to be the Douglas Shire. We have been on the road ourselves traveling in a motorhome since February 2008 and are almost home again for a short time. We have found lots of places to stay while on our travels to stay without having to stay in Caravan parks. We usually spend from \$200 to \$500 in a town when we stay even for a few days as we buy fuel and groceries. Most times we also go out for a meal. We traveled as far as Tasmania and found Grey nomads and free camping well catered for.

Before we left home we felt that the showground at Mossman and the sports ground/oval at Daintree should be opened to short time parking as the caravan parks in the area are often full. There are also several spots in the area that could be made available for over night stays for self contained vehicles without being moved on. A dump point at the showground at Mossman would be a lot easier for the traveling public to use also. We feel that even if the caravan park owners miss out on the rent, many other businesses benefit from the visits from the grey nomads.

Thanks

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