



ABN 16 095 568 157

MEDIA RESPONSE

29 March 2010

Please attribute the following statement to Phil Berry, Manager Projects & Member Benefits, Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia.

I refer to the article 'Showground camping ban across NSW' (29 March 2010).

The inference in the article is that the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) advocates the banning of Recreational Vehicles (RV) from staying overnight at showgrounds in NSW.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

CMCA advocates for the freedom of choice as to where to stay when travelling around Australia.

The use of Crown Land is a key element to opening up more areas to RVs, providing low cost accommodation and curbing illegal camping.

The results of the mentioned working party include the NSW Land & Property Management Authority (LPMA) committing to "sustainable tourist destinations that cater for caravans, campervans, motorhomes, tents and other moveable dwellings"¹ and introducing a process that enables sustainable tourist destinations to be legally opened on Crown Land, such as showgrounds, racecourses, etc.

CMCA has worked with Showground (or other) Trusts and local Councils across Australia to open up areas to accommodate RV tourists. It is hoped LPMA's position will result in many more locations being opened in NSW.

CMCA is committed to working closely with the LPMA and Showground (or other) Trusts or local Councils in NSW to open their land to this rapidly growing RV tourism market, whilst complying with the LPMA guidelines.

Councils and Trusts can contact CMCA for advice and support on this matter via telephone (02) 49 788 788 or email memberbenefits@cmca.net.au

-ends-

¹ LPMA Position Paper, *The Use of Crown Reserves for Caravan Parks and Camping*, 2010

Getting there is half the fun