

The [redacted] Residents Association [redacted] are concerned with the operation and regulation of Caravan and Residential Parks within a Residential Village, adjacent to a Primary School, which currently occurs in [redacted]

The [redacted] Village, 15 to 20 years ago, was known as the [redacted] and very popular in the Holiday periods particularly during [redacted], due to its location and size, known as a small but friendly park. However, over recent years and several changes of ownership, most caravan sites have disappeared to be replaced by cabins some permanent others moveable, hence the name change to [redacted].

About February, this year four (4) large cabins were placed in the Park, with rear of same approximately, a meter from the boundary with [redacted]. It would appear no permits had been obtained from the [redacted] Shire. An application for a retrospective permit was displayed on the Park premises with a closing date for objections given as the 6th of May, 2016. It would appear to date no decision has been made in respect of this Application.

A number complaints have been received by the Committee [redacted] from concerned Residents in regard to the behaviour of tenants of the Park, some who appear to have criminal and drug history. Police officers [redacted] are attending constantly at the Park and it would appear the Park management has been in contact with the State Human Services Department and the Salvation Army in regard to accommodation availability.

The Principal of the adjacent Primary School, which has 300 pupils attending, has expressed his concerns in regard to security and is implementing procedures in regard improved fencing between the properties. Thefts and vandalism which have occurred over recent months in the [redacted] Village, have been attributed to children residing within the Park, however enquiries with the local Police were unable to confirm this allegation due to privacy procedures.

The [redacted] Residents Association Committee request, The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Legal and Social Issues, inquire and consider the Licensing of Management in regard to the above Parks and the regulation of tenants applying to reside therein.

Sincerely
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