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I own and operate a caravan park in [REDACTED] Victoria. I have 72 permanent residents who enjoy the benefits of living in a community atmosphere for very low [\$105 per week] rent and no other outgoings except for electricity and gas.

They are covered by the Residential Tenancies Act which give them a lot of rights and few responsibilities so it is extremely difficult to get rid of trouble makers.

Most of them are retirees and many are single men and women living alone. They are unable to rent a house as rental prices are affordable. My customers are from a very low socio/economic demographic and would have nowhere else to live if the park was to close down.

I am not just running a business but providing a much needed service to this demographic. I believe parks such as mine should be actively encouraged by Govt agencies as we help to alleviate housing shortage and provide rental affordability.

In fact as more and more residential parks are being converted into lucrative tourist parks or sold as development land, needs to be active Govt incentives for new residential parks to be established.

Regards

Helen Zervopoulos