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Mr C J Stephens

Dear Mr Stephens

**RE: Petition – RV Site – Bauple Community Recreation Grounds**

Thank you for your petition received on 23 October 2012 in relation to the above matter.

Your petition was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 21 November with Council resolving to advise you of the previous Council decision in relation of the use of the Bauple Recreational Grounds for RV Overnight Camping to organised RV Chapters as provided for in the special condition in the lease with the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. and detailed in the report presented to Council.

I have enclosed a copy of the petition response report for your information.

It would be appreciated if you would advise the other signatories to your petition of Council's advice in this matter. If you wish to send this letter and attachment to the Gundiah Gazette you may certainly do so.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Desmond  
Chief Executive Officer

Contact Officer: Lisa Desmond  
Phone: 4197 4503  
Reference: DOCS#2294356

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**Kamala Dunn**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 November 2012 8:22 PM  
**To:** Info Services  
**Subject:** Reply to correspondence

Lisa Desmond CEO Fraser Coast Council ,  
Ref. DOCS # 2289082 .

Dear Lisa ,

I am responding to your correspondence Re RV Site . I received the Mail yesterday 21/11/12 by redirected Mail being the reason for my delayed response . I became so dissoluted with the pervious Council and the current Council for " NOT " listening to the majority of Bauple residents and listening instead to a very vocal half dozen self interested people , who in the main, got exactly what they " Demanded from Council " . So dissoluted , I decided to move on , { pack up my marbles as it were } I now reside in [REDACTED]  
I sincerely HOPE things go well for the Bauple community and that the Council can make amends and put things right for the Majority of residents .

Regards [REDACTED]

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FRASER COST REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING NO. 18

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2012

PETITION RESPONSE REPORT

<b>Petition Tabled</b>	
Meeting/Date:	Ordinary Meeting No. 18 – Wednesday, 21 November, 2012
Councillor:	Cr. James Hansen
<b>Petition Details</b>	
Subject:	RV Site – Bauple Community Recreation Grounds
Chief Petitioner:	C.J. (Kit) Stephens
Action Request	cp0901134
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Chief Executive Officer – Lisa Desmond
<b>Author</b>	Chief Executive Officer – Lisa Desmond
<b>DOCS NO.</b>	#2290557

**RESPONSE:**

Background relating to the location of the RV Site within the township of Bauple is detailed below:-

**1. Bauple Recreation Ground Lease**

The previous Hervey Bay City Council, Maryborough City Council, Tiaro Shire Council and Woocoo Shire Council's were amalgamated in March 2008 to form the Fraser Coast Regional Council. The four previous Councils had a variety of methods for Community Leasing and since amalgamation the Fraser Coast Regional Council has been formalising arrangements with Community Groups that lease Council land.

Council receives numerous requests from Community Groups to lease Council owned or controlled land and has established a procedure for requesting a Community Lease.

Under the s185 Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 Council is able to dispose of a valuable non-current asset including "disposing of an interest in land" without calling for tenders or auction if the disposal is to a community organisation.

The Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. was managing facilities and activities at the Bauple Recreation Ground under an agreement to manage made with Tiaro Shire Council in 1994. During the intervening period the Association has been active in promoting the use of and maintaining the facilities at the recreation ground.

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The Bauple and District Men's Shed had recently constructed a shed on the site and a new Recreation Club building was to be constructed on the Grounds under the Q150 Legacy Infrastructure program.

The Bauple Recreation Ground is a public access site, used by the general public as well as by the Bauple State School. The mowing of the oval had been undertaken by Council to date and there is a public toilet block located at the site. Because of this, the Association at the time was only seeking tenure over the Recreation Club building, the Bar, the Scout Hall/Playgroup building, the storage shed and the Men's shed facility.

The Bauple Men's Shed Group, who was not an incorporated body, operated under the auspice of the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. The Group indicated that they were agreeable to the Bauple Men's Shed building being included within the lease area of the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc.

A Land/Lease Assistance for Community Groups Application Form was completed by the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. seeking a lease over the buildings detailed above.

Council at its meeting resolved 1 July 2009 resolved -

*"That a ten (10) year lease be drawn between Council and the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. for the lease of buildings located within the Bauple Recreation Grounds Reserve R. 429 described as Lot 401 N25503 Parish of Gundiah as detailed on the attachment appended to this report (DOCS #913748)."*

Subsequent to the Council resolution of 1 July, 2009, the signing of the lease agreement between Council and the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc., was put on hold pending advice from the Bauple Community Shed Inc. (men's shed) relating to its desire for a separate lease. Council subsequently resolved to offer a separate lease to the Bauple Community Shed Inc. a lease area measuring 30m x 50m within the Bauple Recreation Grounds Reserve.

Following this decision, contact was again made with the Bauple and District Recreation Ground Association Inc. in order to progress the completion of a new Lease Agreement, which was prepared in accordance with Council's decision of 1 July, 2009, but excluded the area now to be leased to the Bauple Community Shed Inc.

In response, the Bauple and District Recreation Ground Association Inc. considered leasing the whole of the Reserve, but raised concerns regarding public liability and grounds maintenance. However, following discussions with relevant staff, the Group indicated that they sought to apply to Council to lease the entire Bauple Recreation Grounds Reserve excluding the 30m x 50m lease area recently granted to the Bauple Community Shed Inc.

As the Bauple and District Recreation Ground Association Inc. had managed the facilities and activities at the Bauple Recreation Ground under an agreement to manage made by the Tiaro Shire Council in 1994 and had continued to do so since amalgamation, it was considered that a lease over the Reserve, but excluding the 30m x 50m Bauple Community Shed Inc. lease area, would continue existing arrangements for the Group to manage and administer access, on behalf of Council, to the grounds.

In order to facilitate existing arrangements relating to the grounds, the following additional considerations and conditions were included in the lease agreement:

1. Council's continued commitment to mowing the Bauple Recreation Grounds Reserve.
2. Council's continued commitment to the management and maintenance of the public toilet facilities located on the grounds.
3. The continuance of existing arrangements for use of the site by Education Queensland for sporting events etc.

Following receipt of a number of opposing petitions and community concerns regarding the appropriateness of the use of the Bauple & District Recreation Ground as an RV Overnight Camping Site, at the same meeting held on 16 March 2011, Council considered a report on "Parks and Reserves – Overnight RV Camping" which recommended that the Bauple Sport and Recreation Grounds was not appropriate for use as an RV Overnight Camping (Docs# 2006212).

However as a result of 9 individuals presenting during Public Participation with opposing views on the issue and the tabling of a petition signed by 263 petitioners stating that they support and petition for an overnight free campsite within the Bauple Community Recreation Grounds the:

*Council at its meeting 16 March 2011 resolved -*

*Item 11.9: (a) a ten (10) year lease be entered into between Council and the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. for the lease of land described as the Bauple Recreation Grounds Reserve R. 429, Lot 401 N25503 Parish of Gundiah but excluding the 30m x 50m Bauple Community Shed Inc. lease area, as outlined in the report (DOCS 2008222).*

*(b) Any lease document includes conditions for amendment subject to the outcome of public consultation on the RV overnight camping at the Bauple Recreation Ground.*

*Item 11.6: 2. The following Bauple locations be referred for further community consultation and a report back to Council.*

<i>Location</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Bauple Sport and Rec Ground</i>	<i>No. Result of public feedback on the appropriateness of this site and investigation of alternative site at Rosendale Park.</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Bauple Woolooga Road - Rosendale Park</i>	<i>Yes.</i>	<i>6,000</i>

Finalisation of the lease with the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. was placed on hold pending the outcome of the public consultation on the RV overnight camping at the Bauple Recreation Ground.

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## 2. Bauple RV Site

### 1. Process of review RV Sites across Fraser Coast

Council undertook a review of the use of Council controlled lands for the purpose of overnight camping which is subject to the provisions of the Land Act, Local laws and policy. The policies of the four (4) former Councils amalgamated into Fraser Coast Regional Council currently differed in their approach and provision regarding this matter.

#### Land Act

The Land Act 1994 vests the management and maintenance of state land with Council where the land is held in trust by Council.

In general terms, a trustee local government governs the activities on trust land via the preparation and implementation of Local laws. Local laws and the rights conveyed on each particular trust lot should be consistent with, or not diminish the purpose of the reserve.

Discussions with officers of the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) confirmed that overnight camping is consistent with most reserves provided that the camping meets a simple test including but not limited to -

- Non exclusive in that the use of an area for camping prohibits either access to or the safety of the primary users of a trust lot;
- The operation of a camping area on certain public reserves is not for commercial gain or is anti competitive where commercial camping is available; and
- The use of the land would not result in the detriment or the erosion of value of any elements or features of state significance.

Council Local law's implemented across all of the Fraser Coast Regional Council area states under restricted activities that:

*Camping or sleeping overnight is permitted only where—*

- (a) a sign indicates that camping or sleeping overnight is allowed; or*
- (b) the place is located on the Queensland Heritage Trails Network; or prior written authorisation of an authorised person has been obtained.*

To ensure that the objectives of the Land Act 1994 and primary purpose of a reserve are not compromised by the use of part of a reserve for the purpose of overnight camping, an assessment of the proposal against the site and a set of objectives was conducted.

To assist with the development of a suitable evaluation tool for this purpose, existing overnight RV camping area scenarios were reviewed.

#### **Non RV Camping on a Reserve- Sites not approved for Camping**

Requests for camping are received from time to time from individuals or groups wishing to camp on a reserve as part of events (circus, security, animal husbandry etc), for group activities (scouts sports carnivals etc). These activities are regulated through Council's Local Laws and subject to formal assessment against the objects of the reserve and Council's Local Laws. Any formal application should be subject to formal assessment and any approval granted should be in writing.

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## Criteria Assessment

The following methodology was developed having regard to the provisions of the Land Act and Council's Local Laws resulting in a strategic assessment framework.

- Stage 1** - Define reserve purpose and primary management objectives;
- Stage 2** - Spatially define the reserve purpose and facilities/amenities;
- Stage 3** - Establish thresholds/ capacity statements for reserve including amenities;
- Stage 4** - Design and delineate preferred camp areas having regards to the limitations/ thresholds/constraints of the subject land. In this regard, for complex sites, master planning may be required;
- Stage 5** - Assess the camp areas and capacities against the objectives/intent of the reserve utilising the following criteria:
- provide for appropriate public access to parks and reserves for active and passive recreation; and
  - protect the health and safety of persons using parks and reserves; and
  - preserve features of the natural and built environment and other aspects of the amenity of parks and reserves; and
  - regulate activities in parks and reserves and ensure appropriate standards of conduct.
  - Control activities and access to facilities to ensure the continued operation of the park within the current budget and resource allocations.
- Stage 6** - For each reserve or camp site area:
- Define a set of camp ground rules
  - Establish minimum development standards
  - List of improvements
  - Operational conditions and
  - Signage requirements
- Stage 7** - Prepare implementation plan including capital estimates for future budget deliberations.

Overnight camping is an activity that Council as trustee allows to occur on public reserves as set out in the relevant local laws.

To evaluate the suitability and functionality of both existing approved sites and future possible sites, an assessment was carried out utilising the methodology above. This assessment identified operational conflicts, management issues and infrastructure deficiencies.

The methodology as detailed above was applied to 11 sites and the outcome of the assessment and recommendations were tabled in a report to Council. Based upon this assessment, internal discussion with operational maintenance staff who work on the subject sites, feedback from user groups and the general public, a position was developed regarding RV Overnight Camping and improvements required (including costs) were finalised.

However as a result of 9 individuals presenting during Public Participation with opposing views on the issue and the tabling of a petition signed by 263 petitioners stating that they support and petition for an overnight free campsite within the Bauple Community Recreation Grounds the:

*Council at its meeting 16 March 2011 resolved -*

*Item 11.6: The following Bauple locations be referred for further community consultation and a report back to Council.*

Location	Recommendation	\$
Bauple Sport and Rec Ground	No. Result of public feedback on the appropriateness of this site and investigation of alternative site at Rosendale Park.	NA
Bauple Woolooga Road - Rosendale Park	Yes.	6,000

## **2. Consultation on Bauple RV Site**

Council previously received Two (2) petitions and individual submissions both for and against the use of the recreational grounds for RV camping. In order to provide direction, the grounds raised by the petitioners and submitters having regard to the implications of Council's Local laws and management obligations as Trustees of the Bauple Sport and Recreation Grounds were assessed.

### **Bauple Sport and Recreation Ground Management Assessment Subject land**

The subject land is a 2.63 ha Recreation Reserve situated at Forestry Road Bauple. The subject land is rectangular in shape fronting a bitumen road to the north and east, unconstructed road to the west and adjoins the Bauple State Primary School to the east.

The topography of the site has been significantly altered through the provision of a level sports oval constructed within the general north east half of the site.

The balance of the site is generally level across the oval then falls to the west. The site contains a Q150 funded community hall, small public amenities block, scouts facility, day care centre, public playground, car park, men's shed, BMX track and remnant vegetation.

The subject land is serviced by a rural standard bitumen road with sealed access to FCRC standards and has no reticulated water or sewer is available at Bauple. All services are provided on site. In this regard, potable water and toilet servicing is supplied via on site water storage with the toilets serviced by a domestic scale septic system. Electricity and telecommunications are available to the land.

Current known primary user groups include but are not limited to:

- Bauple and District Recreation Ground members and participants of programs;
- Men's Shed members and visitors;
- Scouts group;
- Play group;
- School children-formal use as part of school operations
- Participants in organised events and functions;



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- Local community members; and
  - Visiting Campers ( RV)

In considering the use of reserves for camping it was important to note that this land is a Reserve for Recreation. There are formally described Reserves for Camping, Reserves for Landing and Camping Purposes and Reserves for Caravan Park Purposes. This differentiation clearly defines the primary function of the subject land as being for recreation and accordingly, camping would be considered to be supplementary or subordinate to the recreational use of the site sanctioning stop over camping provided the activity did not compromise the use of the site for the primary purpose of recreation.

### **Community Consultation 16 May 2011**

Subsequent to the Council resolution of the 16 March 2011, Council undertook further community consultation on a suitable long term solution for an RV Stopover area in Bauple. In order to find a suitable solution an option was developed which included the provision of a stop over area at the Rosendale Reserve supplemented with directional/ tourism signage and short term day parking in the centre of the Bauple township. This proposal was presented to the public at an information day held on Saturday 16 May at the Bauple Band Hall.

At this meeting the public were presented with plans detailing the Rosendale Reserve as the primary overnight stop area. Feeling and comment from the community was mixed and there was significant concern regarding the ability of the Rosendale site to deliver the community's objectives of an RV site due to its close proximity to the highway as compared to the actual township. Councillors and Officers present through discussion with residents (that visited the Information day) concluded that the only majority acceptable solution was to canvass a central Bauple location and that if it was available, general community support may be achieved.

In an attempt to find alternatives, discussion identified support for the proposed day parking area at the intersection of Bauple Drive and Main Street as a possible location for overnight stays.

### **Community Group Meeting held 18 May 2011**

Subsequent to the public open day on 16 May 2011, Bauple Community Group Representatives and Businesses were invited to a meeting arranged to discuss five alternative layouts for a central Bauple Township RV Stopover site which were prepared and presented at a meeting on Wednesday 18 May at the Q150 Shed.

Community Group Representatives at this meeting included Bauple P&C, Scouts, Bauple Recreation Ground Inc, Band Hall, Museum, QCWA, local Church, Men's Shed and Macadamia House (Mr Marc Bromet and Ms Yolande Bromet).

At this meeting the options were refined to two preferred options with all groups present offering unanimous support for the central location.

The Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Manager Environment & Open Space who attended the Community Group Meeting reported back to Councillors at a briefing meeting to discuss the outcome. Councillors supported Officers progressing the central RV Stopover site option.

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The two preferred options were subject to further refinement following feedback at this meeting and were forwarded on to all of the directly affected residents of Bauple. In this regard, thirteen (13) property owners received a copy of the two preferred options with a covering letter seeking comment on the proposal. In response to the letters, Council received six (6) responses generally in support and one letter of objection. Comments received including recommendations for the physical form and function contained differing views on both the layout and site facilities. The following represents a list of recommendations/comments received both for and against:

- That the RV stop over area shall be for overnight only;
- That all proposed roads be sealed to prevent dust during drier times;
- That the area not be expanded in the future;
- Bollards be installed as detailed;
- That the area including the intersection be adequately landscaped;
- Maintain a suitable distance from directly adjoining property boundaries;
- Fully self contained campers only;
- Council must enforce any rules or regulation in place including signage;
- Bus shelter must be large enough to protect children from inclement weather;
- Provide as level area as possible;
- BBQ's could be an optional addition;
- Rubbish removal point;
- RV Parking day parking spaces not required;
- Main Roads signage;
- Naming and Official Plaque;
- Consider Room to expand;
- Provision of Toilets;
- Incorporation of Public Art ;
- Coin donation infrastructure with money raised to go to local community groups;
- Sightlines for traffic and general traffic safety and parking for heavy vehicles;
- Adequate facilities at the Recreational grounds and Museum including toilets and BBQ's;
- Landscaping requires maintenance.

#### **Council Report 15 June 2011 – "Parks and Reserves – Bauple Overnight RV Camping"**

Subsequent to the Community Consultation and Feedback above Council considered the Report on 15 June 2011. The use of the land for the purposes of overnight camping had been the subject of significant discussion and opinion within the Bauple and greater district (via formal presentation at Council, dialog, media and written submission) with varying degree of support and opposition being presented. Whilst it is important to note the degree of support or opposition, Council as trustee must consider the grounds for submission against the purpose of the reserve and object of the local law when making a decision on the function, use and tenure of the subject lands.

*Council Report 15 June 2011 – "Parks and Reserves – Bauple Overnight RV Camping"* a copy of which is attached, details the assessment, evaluation and comments in respect to community submissions with respect to camping on the Bauple Recreation Ground.

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As a result Council resolved at its meeting on 15 June 2011:

*That:*

- 1 *Council endorse the attached Bauple Rest Area including self contained RV/caravan 24hr Camping generally as depicted on the attached plan;*
- 2 *until such time as the site is operational, RV's be allowed to continue to camp at the carpark area of the Bauple Sport and Recreational Grounds;*
- 3 *the Chief Executive Office be authorised to implement recommendations 1 & 2 above; and*
- 4 *the Community at Bauple be advised accordingly.*

### **3. Finalisation Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Lease**

Following the Council Resolution of 15 June 2011, Council commenced finalisation of the lease of the Bauple Recreation Grounds with the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc incorporating the conditions as per Council resolution of 15 June 2011 namely that *"until such time as the site is operational, RV's be allowed to continue to camp at the carpark area of the Bauple Sport and Recreational Grounds". A special condition was also included within the lease that "The Reserve is to be made available for Public Events, In this regard organised RV and Caravan chapter visits are considered to be an event....."*

### **4. Existing use of Bauple & District Recreation Ground for RV Chapters**

As outlined in 3. Above, the Lease with the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Special Condition 10 allows the Grounds to be utilised for organised RV and Caravan Chapter Visits: *Special Condition No. 10. The Reserve is to be made available for Public Events, in this regard organised RV and Caravan chapter visits are considered to be an event....."*

The Bauple & District Recreation Ground have hosted a number of RV and Caravan Chapters which consist of up to 12 to 30 vehicles and utilize the Oval through agreement with the Association.

Council's decision has resulted in 3 Sites within Bauple for RV Overnight Camping with the following capacity:

- Central Bauple RV Overnight Camping Area: capacity 5 – 6 RV Sites
- Rosendale Park: capacity 5 – 6 RV Sites
- Bauple Recreation Ground Reserve: utilised for RV Chapters – capacity > 25 RV Sites

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive and note the report and the Chief Petitioner be advised of previous Council Decision in relation of the use of the Bauple Recreational Grounds for RV Overnight Camping to organised RV Chapters as provided for in the special condition in the lease with the Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. as detailed in the report (DOCS #2290557).

**ATTACHMENT:**

- 1 Council Report 15 June 2011 - "Parks and Reserves - Bauple Overnight RV Camping"

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**ORD 9.3 – ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Council Report 15 June 2011 – "Parks and Reserves**  
**- Bauple Overnight RV Camping**

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**ITEM NO: ORD 11.4**

**FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING NO. 11**

**WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT:                   PARKS AND RESERVES- BAUPLE**  
**OVERNIGHT RV CAMPING**

**DIRECTORATE:           INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**RESPONSIBLE**  
**OFFICER:                 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT, Wayne**  
**Sweeney**

**AUTHOR:                 EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE,**  
**Janita Cockburn**

**DOC NO:                 #2006212**

**1. PURPOSE**

To present a proposed Bauple Central Rest Area and Overnight RV camping area as an alternative solution to those previously considered by Council.

**2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

2.1 At the ordinary meeting No. 5 of 16 March 2011 Council considered the officers recommendation for *Item 11 Parks and Reserves: Overnight RV Camping* and resolved as follows:

2. *The following Bauple locations be deferred for further community consultation and a report back to Council.*

Location	Recommendation	Costs \$
Bauple Sport and Rec Ground	No. Result of public feedback on the appropriateness of this site and investigation of alternative site at Rosendale Park	
Bauple Woodings Road/Rosendale Park	Yes	6,000

Relators lodged with Council at the above mentioned meeting sought the retention of the Bauple Sport & Recreation ground as the primary location for the RV stop over area in lieu of the Rosendale Reserve due to concerns that the recreational grounds provided a higher net community benefit.

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2.2 Council received Two (2) petitions and individual submissions both for and against the use of the recreational grounds for RV camping. In order to provide direction, the grounds raised by the petitioners and submitters having regard to the implications of Council's Local laws and management obligations as Trustees of the Bauple Sport and Recreation Grounds were assessed.

### 2.3 Bauple Sport and Recreation Ground Management Assessment

#### Subject land

The subject land is a 2.53 ha Recreation Reserve situated at Forestry Road Bauple. The subject land is rectangular in shape fronting a bitumen road to the north and east, unconstructed road to the west and adjoins the Bauple State Primary School to the east.

The topography of the site has been significantly altered through the provision of a level sports oval constructed within the general north east half of the site.

The balance of the site is generally level across the oval then falls to the west. The site contains a Q150 funded community hall, small public amenities block, scouts facility, day care centre, public playground, car park, men's shed, BMX track and remnant vegetation.

#### Services

The subject land is serviced by a rural standard bitumen road with sealed access to FCRC standards.

No reticulated water or sewer is available at Bauple. All services are provided on site. In this regard, potable water and toilet servicing is supplied via on site water storage with the toilets serviced by a domestic scale septic system.

Electricity and telecommunications are available to the land.

#### Current User Groups

Current known primary user groups include but are not limited to:

- Bauple and District Recreation Ground members and participants of programs;
- Men's Shed members and visitors;
- Scouts group;
- Play group;
- School Children-formal use as part of school operations
- Participants in organised events and functions;
- Local community members; and
- Visiting Campers ( RV)

#### Camping as an Activity

Council as trustee of the reserve have allowed part of the land to be used for the purpose of Stop Over camping until a formal assessment and RV strategy/ position has been developed. At the Ordinary Meeting of March 16 Council considered recommendations and resolved that the matter of the Bauple Recreational Grounds use as a stop over RV camp site be deferred to allow further consideration and consultation.

In considering the use of reserves for camping it is important to note that the land is a Reserve for Recreation. There are formally described Reserves for Camping, Reserves for Landing and Camping Purposes and Reserves for Caravan Park Purposes. This differentiation clearly defines the primary function of the subject land as being for recreation and accordingly, camping would be considered to be supplementary or subordinate to the recreational use of the site, sanctioning stop over camping provided the activity did not compromise the use of the site for the primary purpose of recreation.

#### Trustee Management

In general terms, a trustee local government governs the activities on trust land via the provision and implementation of Local laws, Local Plans and the rights conveyed on each particular trust lot should be consistent with, or not diminish the purpose of the reserve held in trust.

Camping is consistent with most reserves provided that the camping meets a simple test including but not limited to:

- Non exclusive in that the use of an area for camping shall not prohibit either access to, or the safety of, the primary users of a trust lot;
- The operation of a camping area on certain public reserves is not for commercial gain nor is it anti competitive where commercial camping is available; and
- The use of the land would not result in the detriment or the erosion of value of any elements or features of state significance; and
- The use of the land for camping does not compromise achievement of the object of the Local law applicable.

The current Local law for trustee management of the land is the Tairāhiti Council Local Law No. 15 Parks and Reserves. Whilst the local law contains no specific provisions regarding Camping, Council as trustee may approve, restrict or prohibit use of the land having regard to the primary purpose of the reserve, rights and obligations as trustee under the Land Act 1994 and the Object of the Local Law controlling the use of the land.

The primary object of Local Law 15 Parks and Reserves is to:

- (a) provide for the establishment of parks and reserves on land within the Area under the Local Government's control; and
- (b) provide for appropriate public access to parks and reserves for active and passive recreation; and
- (c) protect the health and safety of persons using parks and reserves; and
- (d) preserve features of the natural and built environment and other aspects of the amenity of parks and reserves; and
- (e) regulate activities in parks and reserves and ensure appropriate standards

Trustee management and decision making should be guided by the above criteria and decisions should be made having regard to the criteria provided.

#### Consistency Comment Technical Assessment

The use of the land for the purposes of overnight camping has been the subject of significant discussion and opinion within the Bayple and greater district.

via formal presentation at Council, dialog, media and written submission, varying degree of support and opposition has been presented. Whilst it is important to note the degree of support or opposition, Council as trustee must consider the grounds for submission against the purpose of the reserve and object of the local law when making a decision on the function, use and tenure of the subject lands.

To achieve this, the following assessment attempts to differentiate, evaluate and assess the grounds as presented to Council against the relevant criteria. It is important to note that the grounds both for and against utilised varying descriptions and terminology. The author has attempted to accurately consolidate and categorise the grounds as follows:

#### 1.1 Proximity to School and Other organised Activities including Scouts and the general safety to persons

##### Comment:

There exists concerns' regarding a reduction of perceived safety resulting from the existence of itinerant campers within the recreation grounds.

A commonly applied tool to evaluate and quantify such concerns is the 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) principles. Whilst predominantly created as a design tool, it has a role to play in assessment of current space and place.

A primary CPTED principle is Surveillance

The site and its attributes have limited natural or passive surveillance. By providing the perception of surveillance, the user feels safer and the offender feels at greater risk of exposure. The Recreation Grounds have limited passive surveillance due to the geographic layout, locations and configuration of buildings, obstructed view lines from use areas, limited adjoining uses / activities and a low level of public presence.

The concerns raised regarding campers could be considered both positively and negatively in that the encouragement of campers brings in users and therefore activity which in turn generates surveillance. The alternative which would seem to be the background of the perceived safety concerns is that the low use of the area could result in the promotion and protection of those carrying out unwanted surveillance. In this regard, the legitimacy of presence at a particular location should be considered having regard to the purpose, and preferred activities of that location.

Actions necessary to manage this concern and the capacity to implement are critical to the satisfactory management of this design element.

Council does not have the resources to implement a 7 day a week presence and surveillance of the site. Based upon information provided to Council the men's shed does not operate 7 days a week. It would be difficult to introduce management to offset the legitimacy of presence through a registration/ booking system for campers.

This ground is a legitimate concern for this reserve without the campers and when in small numbers with the campers.



Council in considering the validity of this ground should do so having regard to objectives (c) and (e) of the local law and determine whether by allowing camping at the reserve Council is protecting the health and safety of persons using parks and reserves? And  
 Can the activity be regulated in the reserves to ensure appropriate standards?

#### 1.7 Traffic Safety and Conflict with Parking

Grounds of submission against the use of this site are concerned by the potential conflict between campers and those parking for purposes relating to the use of the Recreation grounds. Grounds of submission for an RV site raise the need to improve the site to make it more comfortable and accommodating. Former comments relating to this issue evolve around the topography and the possible cut and fill of the site to provide a level site for RV's and camper vans.

#### Comment

The dedication of an area to the sole purpose of camping is inconsistent with the existing developed recreational use of the site and could be considered to be inconsistent with the primary purpose of the land.

The geometry, layout of the area, slope and conflict of use is a safety concern to both Reserve users and campers alike.

The area of the reserve set aside for car-park and whap over camping area is approximately 1375m<sup>2</sup> having dimensions of approximately 25m x 55m. The car park surface ranges from a sealed access to road base and grassed areas. The land slopes from the NE to SW with a fall of approximately 1.5m across the site. The geometry, slope and surface of the dual purpose area has limitations. These limitations include; inability to delineate safe and effective movement areas, limitations to turning and manoeuvrability as well as a basic capacity limit. Officers of Council have witnessed the difficulties associated with navigating the site.

One solution advocated was the removal of the BMX track and extension of the parking area. Whilst the BMX track constitutes a small quantity of soil that could easily be moved to another site, the vacated area is very steep having approximately 2 m of fall, has a clay based soil that is very slippery and presents as a potential hazard to vehicles that may try to navigate such.

Management of the mix of use between campers and cars and the potential conflict is not an easy task. How is going to regulate the number of campers on the site to ensure satisfactory conditions? Who will be installing signage advising of up and coming events, conditions and the need to leave parking available for recreation ground users?

Actions to address the matter could be implemented in the form of rules and regulations regarding use and priorities of use

It is recommended that if the use is allowed at the site then at minimum the following conditions of use are imposed and that the rules be detailed on regulatory signage.

- That the site is limited to (X) caravans/ campers per night;
- That the area is primarily a car park and that during organised events, camping will be prohibited unless carried out as part of the event.
- Campers are to give way to car park users; and
- The location of campers should not interfere with access to or from the site or buildings contained within the site.

### 1.3 On Site Services

Grounds for use of the site stipulate that campers need to be near 24 hour amenities, need access to the showers and that a dump point should be provided.

#### Comment

The current toilet facility is a domestic scale treatment tank with processing limitations. A review of both the Petrie Park and Memorial park camp sites have revealed that camping places a significant loading on facilities and that if not properly designed and of a satisfactory capacity, the long-term costs of managing and upgrading the system can be very high. Further problems occur when campers of self contained campers dump chemical toilet waste into the system. This has already occurred at Bauple causing the system to either overflow or fail due to enzyme dieback.

Water supply to the amenities has been maximised via the interconnection of the Q150 roof drainage into the toilet holding tanks.

The hot water system is limited to a 100L system installed for use by parties or groups utilising the oval. It does not have the operational capacity to cater for continuous use by campers and the current users. Supply control infrastructure to limit times etc is not installed and would be necessary to control waste water flows.

Council and the RV industry peak bodies do not support dump points that are not connected to reticulated sewerage. The high costs of installation, management and maintenance could not be sustained.

Action to address concern- The site be limited to fully self contained campers only. Signage be installed that directs users and directs the users to the nearest dump points both north and south. This would need to be regulated.

Full access to showers and amenities would require a full upgrade of both the toilet block and effluent disposal facility.

### 1.4 Community Benefit Resulting from the increased visitors to the area attracted by the free camping

Including but not limited to;

- Increased business at local commercial operations;
- Increased visitations to the Bauple Museum;
- Participation in organised events at the QCWA, Recreational Grounds Church Services and Band Hall;
- Participation at the Men's Shed;
- Recreation attraction and
- The benefits of social interaction and diversity.

**Comment**

The above mentioned are recognised social and economic benefits to the community as concluded by a number of academic and industry studies. Many local authorities and communities have implemented programs and are striving to achieve a RV friendly status.

The community support of the establishment of a permanent stop over camping area is demonstrated through the inclusion of free camping with facilities to promote and attract "Grey Nomads" and "RVs" as a Bauple Sustainability Strategy developed as part of the Bauple Vision and Community Development Plan.

Whilst there is some confusion regarding the status of the plan as compared to a Community Plan pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009, it is in itself recognition of the ground swell of support. However, general support and recognition of the benefits to the community for the site at question must be considered having regards to the fact and circumstances of the site and in this particular case, the Bauple Recreation Ground.

**1.5 Alternative Sites**

Council at its meeting of 16 March were presented with an alternative site known as the Rosendale Reserve that is not supported by the general community as it is too close to the highway. The concern is that campers would pull off of the Bruce Highway, stay at the reserve then continue on along the highway and bypass Bauple. The benefits of the Bauple Recreational Ground out way the Rosendale Reserve.

**Comment**

The Reserve at Rosendale was nominated by operational maintenance staff as a suitable site as part of the development of a list of possible camp sites. The site has high aesthetic qualities, limited use, limited conflict and provides a tranquil retreat from the main highway. The categorisation as an alternative was assigned when the original assessment of the Bauple Recreation Ground identified potential conflict.

The proposal for Rosendale includes the installation of tourist signage that will clearly depict the attractions and things to do at Bauple as well as other locations in the surrounding area. It is evident that the Bauple Recreational Ground would provide greater benefit to the businesses and community centres in the township of Bauple.

Further discussion and more recent submission have targeted the large unused sections of the road reserves through the centre of Bauple. When first gazetted, several roads were designed having a width of 3 chains being 66 yards or in metric terms, 60m wide.

Suitable area exists at this location, however, the local retail business, church and residences are in close proximity and would need to be consulted.

Another option would include the provision of day parking within the road reserve of this location.

### 1.0 Commercial Competition

Representatives of the Caravan Park owners have expressed strong concern that Council is establishing free camping areas within 30 minutes drive of Commercial Caravan Parks.

#### Comment

Two (2) arguments exist regarding the impact of free camping upon commercial operations.

Proponents of free camping insist that those utilizing free camp sites do not normally stop at caravan parks and accordingly there is limited economic impact to the caravan park industry and that the local economy will not be at a loss due to local spending.

Objections to free camping generally centre on the loss of income due to the unfair competition. In a tough economic climate, the Opark members seek Council's support. As a regional Council, decisions should be made having regard to the businesses and the local business community.

The use of Reserve Land for an activity that creates an anti competitive camping scenario is in conflict with State land management policy. Trustees need to carefully consider this element and be certain that by providing free camping they are not promoting an anti competitive marketplace.

### 1.1 Campground Needed for the Sustainability of Bauple

The flow of visitors through the township provides the community groups and businesses increased patronage that help to ensure a long term existence and potentially growth.

#### Comment

There are no doubts that a solid stream of campers through Bauple would deliver on the sustainability front. However, with regards to the current situation, there is a succinct difference between 'sustainability of product' and 'sustainability of function' and one cannot be achieved without the other.

Current restrictions and primary function of the recreational reserve has limitations. Limitations that will affect the sustainability of function of Bauple as a free stopover camp destination.

Currently, the site accommodates a small number of campers continuously trickling through the site and town. With increased recognition of the qualities of the town by word of mouth and direct target advertising, the numbers travelling through will undoubtedly increase as has been witnessed at other free camp sites. The restrictions of function would result in an imbalance of supply and demand resulting in unavoidable conflict and possible misuse of the area. Solutions being advocated include increasing the area for camping by displacing the BMX track, or making the car park area exclusive for campers. Both of these are in direct conflict with the primary purpose of the Reserve and council as trustees need to recognise their obligations prior to considering implementation of such.

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- 1.8 Bauple Recreational Ground would promote greater community interaction benefiting the whole of the region through promotion.

**Comment**

The community through passive interaction with travellers have the opportunity to point out the sites and attractions of the area/ region. The 'unhook and look' term is found within several submissions where visitors are encouraged to unhook their caravans and drive around the area.

The benefits of good promotion and general public role in promoting an area is well recognised and whilst signage will go some way towards achieving this goal, the vast personal interests and priorities of what is referred to as a grey army could not be captured by a sign. The provision of at minimum dedicated parking in close proximity to business centres and community facilities would help to promote this matter.

The 'unhook and look' promotion is concerning where fees/ stop over camping is involved. Council and the crown should not be liable for the protection and management of absentee owners. Due to the need to promote and maintain the subject lands, this activity is one that should be approached with caution.

**Conclusion**

1. As a reserve for recreation, camping should not be considered to be a primary use and accordingly, function should have due regard to both the uses and users of the reserve for recreational pursuits.
2. The use of the site for stop over camping is not inconsistent and provided that the management of the land satisfactorily addresses the use and function of the site, limited use of the site for stop over camping could continue to occur.
3. Should the site be progressed for the purpose of stopover camping, a Land Management Plan would be required to manage the competing interests and conflict within the community. The Land Management Plan should be prepared in accordance with the state guidelines with the intent of achieving the statutory obligation of "Duty of Care" as trustee pursuant to the Land Act 1994. Recent discussions with Officers of DEEM concluded that, due to the level of public conflict and opinion regarding the use of the reserve, it is important that Council adopt a strategic view to the use of the land.
4. An alternative approach to draw travellers through Bauple would be the establishment of the responsible stop over with directional/promotional signage supported by a dedicated parking area for car caravan units or RVs within the town ship. In this regard, suitable road reserve exists which would provide a suitable outcome.

2.4 Conclusion of the assessment is that the recreational ground is not a suitable long term solution for a RV Stopover area. In order to find a suitable solution an option was developed which included the provision of a stop over area at the Rosendale Reserve supplemented with directional/ tourism signage and short term day parking in the centre of the Baupie township. This proposal was presented to the public at an information day held on Saturday 16 May at the Baupie Band Hall. At this meeting the public were presented with plans detailing the Rosendale Reserve as the primary overnight stop area and a plan detailing a day parking area on the intersection of Baupie Drive and Main Street. Feeding and comment from the community was mixed and there was significant concern regarding the ability of the Rosendale site to deliver the community's objectives of an RV site due to its close proximity to the highway as compared to the actual township. Councillors and officers present through discussion with residents that visited the information day concluded that the only majority acceptable solution was a central Baupie location and that if it was available, general community support could be achieved.

In an attempt to find alternatives, discussion identified support for the proposed day parking area as a possible location for overnight stays.

Five alternative layouts were prepared and presented to community groups at a meeting on Wednesday 18 May at the Q150 Shed. At this meeting the options were refined to two preferred options with all groups present offering unanimous support for the central location.

The two preferred options were subject to further refinement following feedback at this meeting and were forwarded on to all of the directly affected residents of Baupie. In this regard, thirteen (13) property owners received a copy of the two preferred options with a covering letter seeking comment on the proposal. In response to the letters, Council received six (6) responses generally in support and one letter of objection. Comments received including recommendations for the physical form and function contained differing views on both the layout and site facilities. The following represents a list of recommendations/comments received both for and against:

- 1 That the RV stop over area shall be for overnight only;
- 2 That all proposed roads be sealed to prevent dust during drier times;
- 3 That the area not be expanded in the future;
- 4 Goals be installed as detailed;
- 5 That the area including the intersection be adequately landscaped;
- 6 Maintain a suitable distance from directly adjoining property boundaries;
- 7 Fully self contained campers only;
- 8 Council must enforce any rules or regulation in place including signage;
- 9 Bus shelter must be large enough to protect children from inclement weather;
- 10 Provide as level area as possible;
- 11 BBQ's could be an optional addition;
- 12 Rubbish removal point;
- 13 RV Parking/day parking spaces not required;
- 14 Main Roads signage;
- 15 Naming and Official Plaque;
- 16 Consider Room to expand;
- 17 Provision of Toilets;
- 18 Incorporation of Public Art ;

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19. Coin donation infrastructure with money raised to go to local community groups;
20. Sightlines for traffic and general traffic safety and parking for heavy vehicles;
21. Adequate facilities at the Recreational grounds and Museum including toilets and BBQ's;
22. Landscaping requires maintenance

### 3. PROPOSAL

Analysis of the proposal having regard to the general RV Strategy as considered at the meeting of the 16th March as well as comments from the community, residents and Councils design office, a preferred solution has been prepared. This solution builds upon the option of a single drive through RV and visitor parking area adjoining a small public rest area serviced with two (2) small covered tables and signage-information station. A bus stop reorientated to face the north serviced by a sealed road and support landscaping. Distinct areas are to be separated utilizing bollards to prevent encroachment as well as to clearly delineate vehicle areas.

No toilets are to be provided at this site and only self contained RV's Caravans are to utilise the area for overnight ( 24 hr) camping. In this regard, suitable signage detailing the rules and regulations regarding use of the area will need to be installed.

The resultant layout provides not only an area suitable for overnight RV camping, it includes a safe sealed centrally located bus stop for both children and other transit users and a central rest area.

### 4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The treatment and embellishments as detailed on the proposed layout shall be financed from the 2011/12 capital program.

### 5. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The area is to be managed under Council's Local Laws.

### 6. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLEMENTATION

Design can commence at such time as a formal resolution to proceed is received from Council with construction commencing in July 2011.

### 7. CONSULTATION

Consultation on a people solution has involved the following:

- Public information day;
- Community Group Meeting;
- Correspondence to directly affect residents;
- One on One meeting where requested by residents or groups;
- Internal referral with Councils engineering and environmental health departments.

**8. CONCLUSION**

That the result of detailed review and consultation has resulted in a proposed RV/Caravan stopover in the centre of the township of Baupie that has a high level of public support for the overall concept of a Rest Area suitable for use as a stopover for self contained RV's and caravans.

**9. RECOMMENDATION**

That:

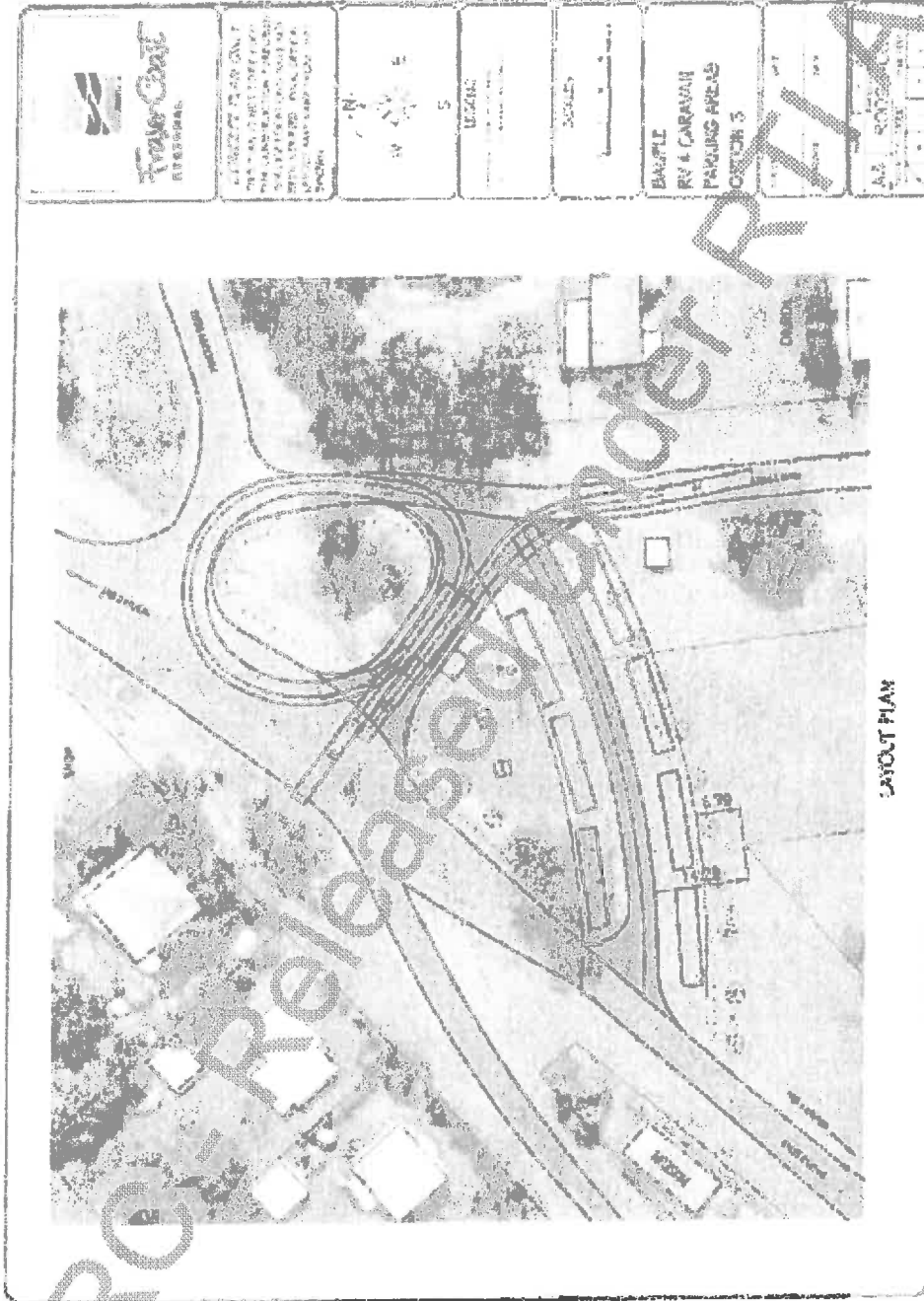
- 1 Council endorse the attached Baupie Rest Area including self contained RV/Caravan 24hr Camping generally as depicted on the attached plan;
- 2 until such time as the site is operational, RV's be allowed to continue to camp at the carpark area of the Baupie Sport and Recreational Grounds;
- 3 the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to implement recommendations 1 & 2 above; and
- 4 the Community at Baupie be advised accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Baupie Rest Area Sit Plan

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LAYOUT PLAN

<p><b>Trow-Cent</b> ENGINEERS</p>	<p>DESIGNED BY TROW-CENT ENGINEERS FOR THE USE OF THE REST AREA AND PARKING AREAS AND TRUCK STOP AREAS AND TRUCK STOP AREAS AND TRUCK STOP AREAS AND TRUCK STOP AREAS</p>	<p>N E S W</p>	<p>LEGEND</p>	<p>SCALE</p>	<p>EXAMPLE RV &amp; CARAVAN PARKING SPACES COURT 3</p>	<p>DATE 11/21/12</p> <p>BY [Signature]</p> <p>11/21/12</p>
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9 November 2012

Mr C J Stephens  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Stephens

**RE: Petition – RV Site – Bauple Community Recreation Grounds**

Thank you for your petition received 23 October 2012 in relation to the above matter.

I advise that your petition was tabled at Council's Ordinary Meeting No. 17 held on Wednesday 7 November 2012 and has been referred to Council's relevant officer for report.

Following Council's consideration of the Officers Report at a future meeting of Council, I will again be in contact with you to advise you of the outcome relating to this matter.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Desmond  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Contact Officers:** Lisa Desmond  
**Phone:** 4197 4503  
**Reference:** DOCS#2289082

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Kamala Dunn

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 October 2011 10:08 AM  
**To:** Rhianne McMullen  
**Subject:** RV overnight stay

Hello Rhianne

Further to discussion on RV staying overnight on [REDACTED] property.

**Present situation:**  
Manufacturer and grower of macadamia nuts. Commercial kitchen approved by Fraser Coast Council.

**Enquiry:**  
RV only, these are self sufficient travellers who carry own waste and have own facilities.  
No charge on use of site.  
1-2 night stay max.  
By appointment only.  
No caravans or tents.

[REDACTED] the council has designated an area across from Macadamia House for overnight stays, but this hasn't been built yet. There is a shortage of space for campers in the Bauple area and [REDACTED] an area suited for this. [REDACTED] have one adjoining neighbour about 1km from the site and one neighbour across the road about 500mtrs away. [REDACTED] not believe they would be impacted by this and [REDACTED] seek there approval first.

[REDACTED] been advised that [REDACTED] do this without consent from council as [REDACTED] not be charging a fee, but would like to run it by council as a courtesy. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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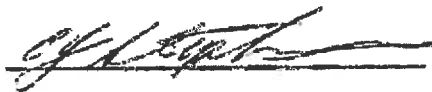
Attention Cr Truscott and all Councillors

Enclosed is a petition I undertook because of my concerns for Bauple and input I have had into various community organisations.

To confirm my suspicions as to what the community wanted, after the public meeting chaired by Phil Truscott and attended by the Fraser Coast Regional Council Mayor and other councillors, I started a petition Wed 26 Sept lunch time and closed it on lunch time Sun 30 Sept 2012.

My suspicions were confirmed in that most locals do want the RV site within the Bauple Community Rec Grounds fenced area in close proximity to the 24hr public toilets for the sustainability of our town and community.

For your reconsideration,



C.J (Kit) Stephens

Petition tabled as Item ORD 9.1(c) at  
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**Kamala Dunn**

**From:** Toni Souvlis  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 August 2012 12:02 PM  
**To:** Lisa Desmond; Gerard O'Connell  
**Subject:** FW: Postal Service - Macadamia House, Bauple [Incident: ]

Hi Lisa and Gerard,

Below is the reply received from Australia Post relating to this matter.

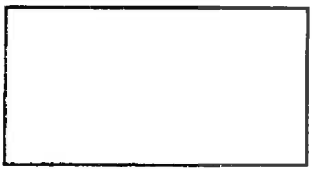
They have noted that Council has no involvement in the closure of the Post Office.

I registered this reply into DOCS.

Thanks,

Toni Souvlis

**From:** Australia Post [<mailto:auspost@mailap.custhelp.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 August 2012 11:56 AM  
**To:** Toni Souvlis  
**Subject:** Postal Service - Macadamia House, Bauple [Incident: ]



Please find attached a summary of your enquiry details below.

If you require further assistance with your enquiry, please respond to this email at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for contacting Australia Post

**Summary**

Postal Service - Macadamia House, Bauple

**Discussion Thread**

Response Via Email (Eliana S) 27/08/2012 11:55 AM

Hi Toni,

I hope you had a great weekend and thank you for your response regarding the closure of the Bauple Post Office. Your email has been forwarded to my Team Manager as feedback.

Thank you for taking the time and advising us that the council has no involvement in the apparent closure of the Bauple Post Office. If there is anything else I can assist you with, please feel free to contact me via email.

Kind regards,

Eliana S | Digital & Contact Centres - eServices | Australia Post  
Online Services Consultant

Customer By  
Email (Toni  
Souvlis)

23/08/2012  
04:34 PM

Hi Eliana S,

I refer to the attached email correspondence relating to the above.

Council would like to make you aware that Council has not requested the owners of the Bauple Post Office to close the Post Office due to site issues. Any decision to close, will be the owners' decision as Council has not had any involvement in this matter at all. The statement in the email that "should the Council confirm that the Post Office needs to be closed" is incorrect as there has been no request from Council to close the Post Office.

It would be appreciated if you could note this information in your records. Should you receive any further representations in relation to this matter, correspondents should be referred to the owner of Macadamia House relating to any decision or otherwise to close this facility.

Thanks.

Toni Souvlis  
Executive Assistant CEO  
Office of CEO  
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Fraser Coast Council  
 Attn: Councillor Truscott

\_\_\_\_\_ been on the road for 15 years and travelled around Australia three times.



\_\_\_\_\_ just come across a beaut little town called Bauple-home of the macadamia nut and "Nosh" the Nutmobile.

\_\_\_\_\_ witnessed a change in the travelling public with camping styles with the baby boomers who do wish for more free sites than caravan parks. \_\_\_\_\_ saddened to hear that Council is causing closures by reducing the RV Site availability and some amenities when \_\_\_\_\_ part of the largest growing tourist population. Towns like Bauple need visitors \_\_\_\_\_ to top up their local economies in such difficult times.

It is sad enough when big business pulls out of such areas but when council does it to its own ratepayers we should be concerned.

There seems plenty of room for everyone in Bauple and all the children could be bussed from the school area/roundabout without having to be bussed from the site where \_\_\_\_\_ camped.

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully request that you reconsider your decision.

Yours faithfully,



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**Kamala Dunn**

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**From:** Toni Souvlis  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 August 2012 4:35 PM  
**To:** auspost@mailap.custhelp.com  
**Subject:** Postal Service - Macadamia House, Bauple  
**Attachments:** Email.pdf

Hi Eliana S,

I refer to the attached email correspondence relating to the above.

Council would like to make you aware that Council has not requested the owners of the Bauple Post Office to close the Post Office due to site issues. Any decision to close, will be the owners' decision as Council has not had any involvement in this matter at all. The statement in the email that "should the Council confirm that the Post Office needs to be closed" is incorrect as there has been no request from Council to close the Post Office.

It would be appreciated if you could note this information in your records. Should you receive any further representations in relation to this matter, correspondents should be referred to the owner of Macadamia House relating to any decision or otherwise to close this facility.

Thanks.

**Toni Souvlis**  
Executive Assistant CEO  
Office of CEO  
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**Toni Souvlis**

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**From:** Toni Souvlis  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 August 2012 4:23 PM  
**To:** Toni Souvlis  
**Subject:** FW: Fwd: [REDACTED] collect [REDACTED] mail from the local Post Office (Macadamia House , Bauple... [Incident: ]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2012 05:32 AM  
**To:** Gerard O'Connell  
**Subject:** Fwd: [REDACTED] collect [REDACTED] mail from the local Post Office (Macadamia House , Bauple... [Incident: ]

Dear Gerard,

[REDACTED] forwarding the attached correspondence to you after viewing the story about the Bauple RV park on last nights local news. As a resident of Bauple for the [REDACTED] years, [REDACTED] concerned to read the public notice being handed out from our local shop informing us that it would be closed on the 30th of September.

Upon seeing this information, [REDACTED] decided to email Australia Post to ask what could be done about getting Post Office Boxes installed at a public location in Bauple. [REDACTED] rather suprised to read their reply which indicates that the Council is responsible for the shops closure (due to site issues). Obviously, either Australia Post have gotten things a bit wrong or somebody is being deliberately misleading.

[REDACTED] hoping this matter can be cleared up once and for all,so the residents of our now fractured community can work at getting Bauple back to normal. If the Post Office is closing on the 30th of September, maybe a good suggestion would be to install our own P O Boxes at a public location in Bauple to save any inconvenience for older / vehicle-less residents.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----  
**From:** Australia Post <auspost@maflap.custhelp.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 21, 2012 at 9:42 PM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] collect [REDACTED] mail from the local Post Office (Macadamia House , Bauple... [Incident: ]  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Please find attached a summary of your enquiry details below.

If you require further assistance with your enquiry, please respond to this email at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for contacting Australia Post.

**Summary**

[REDACTED] collect [REDACTED] mail from the local Post Office (Macadamia House , Bauple...

**Discussion Thread**



Response Via Email (Eliana S)

22/08/2012 02.42 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this email finds you well and thank you for enquiry. I can certainly provide some information regarding the Bauple Post Office.

In order to assist you, I have contacted the Bauple Post Office directly and I can advise that the closure of the Post Office is not yet confirmed. The owners of the Bauple Post Office advised that is the request of the local council to close the Post Office due to site issues. The owners have been dealing with the local council for a while now in an attempt to stop the closure of the Post Office but unfortunately at this time, it is not certain as to whether the Post Office will remain open or not. Should the council confirm that the Post Office needs to be closed, you will be given a months notice by the Post Office to give you time to make alternate arrangements and Australia Post will too need to make alternate arrangements for PO Boxes. All customer will be received advise via mail regarding the situation of the Post Office by the start of September, should it need to close. To assist the Post Office staff's attempt to keep the Bauple Post Office open, please forward your concern to your local council.

I hope this has been of assistance to you [REDACTED]. If there is anything else I can assist you with, please feel free to contact me via email.

Kind regards,

Eliana S | Digital & Contact Centres - eServices | Australia Post  
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Auto-Response

21/08/2012 07.31 AM

The following answers might help you immediately. (Answers open in a separate window.)

Title: What size post office boxes are available?

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Title: How can I find out if there are any post office boxes available at my local Australia Post retail outlet?

Link: [https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/125](https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/125)

Title: How do I apply for a post office box?

Link: [https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/133](https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/133)

Title: I've lost (or haven't received) my Post Office Box renewal invoice. How can I get a duplicate?

Link: [https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/247](https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/247)

Title: I have paid my Post Office Box renewal account twice. Can I get a refund?

Link: [https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/250](https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/250)

Customer By Web Form

21/08/2012 07.31 AM

[REDACTED] collect [REDACTED] mail from the local Post Office (Macadamia House, Bauple). However, [REDACTED] been recently informed that the Post Office / Local shop will be closing on the 30th of September. It is public knowledge that the shop owner will also not allow continuation of the use of the PO boxes situated at his shop. Can he do this? If so, is there any way of getting our own PO Boxes installed at a local public location to ensure the daily availability of mail to all residents as this is a growing concern for many elderly residents without vehicles. [REDACTED] cannot afford to make a round trip to the nearest Post Office every day to collect mail. Are there any suggestions that you could make or any help that Australia Post could offer? Thank you for your help.

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18 August, 2012

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Comments: Lisa D & Tom S.	
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Writing to thank you for the work being done on the RV site/Bush shelter in Bauple town centre. Although the work was decided on under the previous council I appreciate your efforts and look forward to the work being completed in the very near future.

certain the Bauple Recreation Ground Association Inc. Members will be very happy to have their CAR PARK back to be used as a "CAR PARK".

With the growing number of functions and group meetings held at Q150 Hall parking space is becoming very valuable. The car park becomes very congested when RV'ers try to set up their units in the midst of local, visitor and guest parking.

This is not helped by certain persons in the area telling the RV'ers to "JUST IGNORE" the Recreation Ground Committee President's "SITE CLOSED FOR A FUNCTION" signage.

concerned that a very small number of people calling themselves the "Bauple Community" and saying they actually speak for the members of the Bauple community are badgering you as Fraser Coast Regional Councilors.

this small group is trying to mislead FCRCouncil into believing that the people of Bauple are not happy with the new RV site on the corner of Main Street and Bauple Drive.

This could not be further from the truth.

As members of the broader Bauple community very happy with the new site set up. sure RV travelers will find it a safe place to stay with any overflow utilizing Rosendale Rest Area when necessary. look forward to the new site's completion and opening day.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature block]

2012

16 August, 2012

The Secretary  
Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc.

[REDACTED]  
BAUPLE QLD 4650

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Opening of new RV Overnight Stop - Bauple**

I refer to the above matter and advise that, in accordance with Clause 4 of the Special Conditions of your Trustee Lease, now that the new Bauple RV Overnight Rest Area has been completed and was opened on Friday, 10 August, 2012, the car park area located at the Bauple Recreation Grounds between the Q150 Hall and the Mens Shed will no longer be utilised for an RV overnight stay area.

The new site, with overflow to the Rosserdale overnight stay site, will now accommodate any RVs and self contained caravans wishing to stay overnight in the Bauple area. Large RV and Caravan Chapter visits to Bauple may still occur at the Recreation Grounds following consultation with your Group.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Desmond  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Contact Officer:** Lisa Desmond  
**Phone:** 4197 4560  
**Reference:** DOCS#2240690

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**Kamala Dunn**

**From:** Robert Garland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 August 2012 1:25 PM  
**To:** Phil Truscott  
**Subject:** RE: Extra signage for RV site in Bauple

amazing!!

**From:** Phil Truscott  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 August 2012 1:23 PM  
**To:** A1-Councillors; Lisa Desmond  
**Subject:** Fw: Extra signage for RV site in Bauple

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 01:17 PM  
**To:** Phil Truscott  
**Subject:** Extra signage for RV site in Bauple

Dear Mr Truscott,

[REDACTED] to the new RV Site in the middle of Bauple. As our Division Councillor [REDACTED] to let you know that the footpath is a wonderful addition, [REDACTED] had RV people make positive comments about it already. [REDACTED] commend FCRC for this upgrade to our town.

[REDACTED] regularly communicate with people who use the RV site and after receiving feed back it was [REDACTED] requested council move bollards on far side to make the parking space wider. [REDACTED] like to thank council for their prompt response.

The only issues [REDACTED] is that quite a number of RV's have been parking on the wrong side of the bollards near [REDACTED] some have even pulled up right alongside [REDACTED] fence! [REDACTED] photos and dates for some of these, the disturbing part is that the designated area was either empty or only had a couple of vehicles in it. [REDACTED] asking RV people who told them to park on this side of the bollards, all stated "the people in the shop." One person told [REDACTED] that Mr Bromet himself drove his vehicle over and showed him he could park there! Another person said he was told by the lady in the shop (Yolande) that they could park where the tractor was parked, [REDACTED] the bollards. Last Friday night a man told [REDACTED] the lady in the shop said it wouldn't be a problem for them to park over where the tractor was and he told [REDACTED] "this is council land so he can park here!" [REDACTED] told him it was not the designated area. Another lady said the signage was not clear as to where the designated area was. When people saw people parking on the wrong side of the bollards they would pull up there too!

Mr Bromet hand delivered a copy of an email [REDACTED] that you will be familiar with as your name is on it and it comments about the RV site being a public urinal, at this time [REDACTED] Mr Bromet about him referring people to the wrong side of the bollards and Marc denied it. Mr Bromet has been trying to [REDACTED] to complain about the RV site because he wants it relocated to the Recreation Ground. [REDACTED] do not have

a problem with the new RV site [REDACTED] The only issue [REDACTED] is when people are not parking in the designated areas!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have rung Mr Jamie Cockburn to request extra signage to clarify the designated parking areas.

Just to be clear [REDACTED] no problem with council parking its equipment (tractor and sometimes other vehicles) this side of the bollards. Could [REDACTED] also advise [REDACTED] of the official open date of this site as Mr Bromet keeps telling me the site is not even open for use yet?

[REDACTED]

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22 August 2011



Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BAUPLE RECREATION GROUP**

Thank you for taking the time to raise your concerns regarding the above in your letter of 25 July 2011.

Whilst the Bauple and District Recreation Committee is an Incorporated Body and Council has no role to play in the management and operation of such, Council has noted your comments for future reference.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss the matter further please contact Jamie Cockburn as referenced below.

Yours faithfully

**JAMIE COCKBURN  
EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
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**Contact Officer: Jamie Cockburn  
Phone: 1300 794 929  
Reference: 2008649**

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Department of Fair Trading  
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25 July 2011

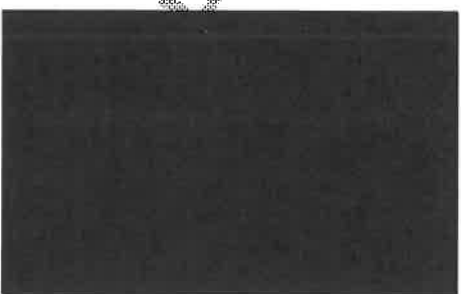
Dear Sir/Madam,

[Redacted] serious concerns about the Executive Committee of the Bauple Recreation Ground.

[Redacted] financial member of the Rec Ground and [Redacted] concerned about the selection criteria used in vetting of members and, the bullying tactics used by the committee. Recent examples include denying or cancelling membership to out spoken members or potential members of the Rec Ground, cancelling membership without facts, only on hearsay and innuendo, bullying tactics and in general keeping a closed shop except to carefully selected persons. That the Committee can manipulate and bully to vote accordingly is against the interests of the community and organisation they are meant to represent.

The local Council (Fraser Coast Regional Council) has designated a portion of the Rec Ground area as a stopover for caravans and motor homes (self contained only). Members of the Rec Ground Committee and some members have made it quite clear to van and motor home owners personally and on blogs that they are not welcome. This is contrary to other non profit community organisations who welcome the new source of ideas and fundraising, for the benefit of the Bauple community. [Redacted] financial member on a few of these organisations.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be very much appreciated [Redacted] and others who are not game to speak out because of job and other reprisals.



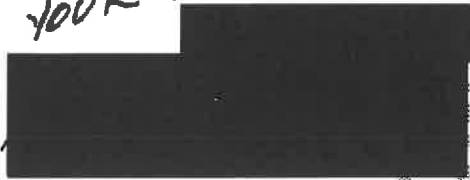
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<u>&amp; Toni Soulis</u>	
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ATTN: - LISA DESMONT  
CEO FRASER COAST REGIONAL  
COUNCIL  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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6 July 2011



Dear [Redacted]

**RE: OVERNIGHT FREE CAMPSITE – BAUPLE COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUNDS**

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of Wednesday, 15 June 2011 discussed the Overnight Free Campsite at the Bauple Community Recreation Grounds and resolved as follows:

- 1 Council endorse the Bauple Rest Area, including self contained RV/caravan 24hr Camping generally as depicted on the attached plan (DOCS #2035908);
- 2 until such time as the site is operational, RV's be allowed to continue to camp at the carpark area of the Bauple Sport and Recreational Grounds;
- 3 the Chief Executive Office be authorised to implement recommendations 1 & 2 above; and
- 4 the Community at Bauple be advised accordingly.

**Carried Unanimously**  
Ord 11/665/06/11

A copy of the Council Minutes regarding this matter can be found on Councils website: [http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?p\\_l\\_id=2188187&folderId=2188087&name=DLFE-52553.pdf](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=2188187&folderId=2188087&name=DLFE-52553.pdf)

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**Contact Officer:** Jamie Cockburn  
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Kamala Dunn

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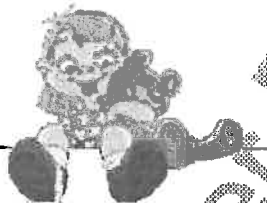
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**Sent:** Sunday, 5 June 2011 12:48 PM  
**To:** Info Services  
**Cc:** Jamie Cockburn@frasercoast.qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** Reference # 2029336

[REDACTED] personal views on the proposed RV/Caravan Stop Over Area are:

[REDACTED] not in favour of either option due to these reasons;

- 1). The original complaint was that the school children were too close to the visitors- you now have the visitors being directly in contact with the children.
  - 2) Bollards are used to keep people out, it is another style of fencing - that is not what you are trying to achieve is it? A landscaped feature is nice but who will tend it and maintain the look.
  - 3) Why would you put in BBQ settings when the Museum has some perfectly acceptable and usable facilities. Putting extra in, is taking away from the amenities already in place and not cost effective.
  - 4) You are being discriminatory by saying if you don't have a shower and toilet in your van - we don't want you! I am against this absolutely, we have facilities in the recreation grounds that have being put in place for residents and visitors alike, they can be utilised and a donation requested to help the local groups financial situation at the same time.
  - 5) The corner where the proposed site is a dangerous area, when taking into account there will be a congestion of vehicles and people at times and no road signage and not enough turning space. One needs to remember that for 6 months of every year there are heavy vehicles and BDouble vehicles working 24 hours a day and that corner is their main thoroughfare. The corner is too narrow and the trucks drop into the drainage pit now. Long vehicles cannot safely get around the corner causing any other traffic to reverse when giving way to let the trucks around. This site will cause even more danger to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic than we already have.
  - 6) The proposed site will also take away from these workers any safe parking area for purchasing from the shop taking business away from the only local business we have. Not to mention the delivery vehicles that utilise that parking area.
  - 7) We have a site in Bauple that is suitable, safe and has the space, of the few residents that have objected, one needs to look closely to their reasoning and actions to date. I have had a close insight to the objections in the past and find no clear, reasonable or justifiable reason other than a lot of personal differences being the prime motivator for a lot of the objections.
- [REDACTED] dismayed to see that the surveyors are already out and taking action even though this is allegedly not a forgone conclusion. One might think otherwise with these actions taking place.
- [REDACTED] feel the money to do this project would be better utilised in making the corner of Bauple Drive, Forestry Rd and Main St safer for the local residents and a small attractive entrance garden to the township in that area would be far more beneficial than an unsightly, dusty over exaggerated and costly caravan parking bay.

Does this mean also; that if it should go ahead that any long vehicle can park in this area? It would be unfair to discriminate against others in this as well. [REDACTED] for a fact that long heavy vehicles (which an RV is) is not allowed to park in a built up area for more than 1 hour unless in a designated area.



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12 May 2011

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**RE: BAUPLE COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUNDS**

Thank you for your recent enquiry and expressing your position with Council regarding to the above matter.

A report will be prepared and tabled at a future Council meeting. Once Council has resolved the matter I will be in a position to provide you with further information.

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Yours faithfully

**JAMIE COCKBURN  
EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
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**Contact Officer:** Jamie Cockburn  
**Phone:** 1300 794 929  
**Reference:** 2025954

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12 May 2011



**RE: BAUPLE COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUNDS**

Thank you for your recent enquiry and expressing your position with Council regarding to the above matter.

A report will be prepared and tabled at a future Council meeting. Once Council has resolved the matter I will be in a position to provide you with further information.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss the matter further please contact Jamie Cockburn as referenced below.

Yours faithfully

**JAMIE COCKBURN  
EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Contact Officer: Jamie Cockburn  
Phone: 1300 794 929  
Reference: 2025937**

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Kamala Dunn

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 May 2012 7:44 AM  
**To:** Toni Souvlis  
**Subject:** Bauple Recreation Ground Assoc.

Hi Toni,

Following is the email [Redacted] trying to send yesterday before our conversation [Redacted] still send it so you have a hard copy of our decision and intentions.

[Redacted] to think Lisa's reply will shut them up, but I won't be betting my bottom dollar on it.

*'At our Annual General Meeting last night, the matter of donations from visiting RV Chapters was discussed at length.*

*The final motion that was moved, seconded and passed unanimously was that we will stay with the decision made last year where we will accept a donation of \$5 per van per night, with 1/5th of money collected, being put aside for the purchase of a Defibrillator for the use of locals and visitors alike.*

*We have also moved to tag this money for 'Community Projects' and will advise the local community organisations that they may feel free to make suggestions on the use of this money, following the purchase of the Defibrillator, for the benefit of all the Bauple community.*

*Our Association will also continue to stock the centre with bedding etc for the use of locals in any emergency situation.*

*You may wish to advise Mr Bromet of this agreement. Our Association will not be replying to his many emails on this matter, as he is not speaking on behalf of the other Bauple community organisations and we do not feel we are accountable to anyone other than the Fraser Coast Regional Council.'*

Cheers

[Redacted signature block]

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9th May 2011

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 expressing your concern with regard to the RV Campers in the Bauple area.

I wish to advise that Council has not as yet, determined the outcome of the proposed site, however, officers are meeting with the respective Groups on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Bauple and I suggest that [REDACTED] be represented at this meeting.

Yours sincerely

**MICK KRUGER  
MAYOR**

Contact Officer: MK/JO  
Phone: 41974389  
Our reference: DOCS#2024816

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**Kamala Dunn**

**From:** Lisa Desmond  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2011 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'Caravanning News'; Info Services  
**Subject:** RE: Attn CEO Lisa Desmond



Thank you for your email. Council has undertaken consultation with the Community of Bauple regarding proposed sites for overnight RV Camping. The outcome of this consultation was a proposal that emanated from the community which Council supported in principle for overnight stays ie next to a short term parking area in the centre green of Bauple. Council is presently preparing concept plans on how this will be facilitated and will be meeting with key Community Groups in May to finalise the concept before being formally approved by Council. We will be placing a priority on finalising this project to facilitate overnight RV Camping in Bauple.

We are hopeful that this solution will gain the majority of support from the Community. As you may be aware Council undertook an audit of sites across the region in order to facilitate RV overnight camping particularly in small rural communities which often depend on external stimulus to survive because of their existing small population bases located in these areas. We value the positive economic impact visiting caravanners have to the region and wish to encourage them to spend more time exploring the area.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

Lisa

**Lisa Desmond**  
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**From:** Caravanning News [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 24 April 2011 10:39 AM  
**To:** Info Services  
**Subject:** Attn CEO Lisa Desmond

Dear Ms Desmond,

*Caravanning News* ([www.caravanningnews.com](http://www.caravanningnews.com)) is featuring a story in its current edition on the proposed rest area plan for Bauple.

We understand there was a community consultation meeting recently and wondered whether you could inform us of the outcomes, please.

Also, could you offer a few comments on the plan and value of caravanners and other RVers to the local area.

2011/05/26

Many thanks,

  
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Kamala Dunn

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 16 April 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** Info Services  
**Subject:** re Bauple RV site

Hi

[Redacted] like to email each of the three representatives who took the time to come to Bauple on Saturday for discussion in regards to the proposed RV site to personally thank them for their time and effort as well as their desire to see Bauple prosper by having the RV site in the actual township rather than out near the highway.

Could you please forward their emails so [Redacted] do this. They were Jamie Cockburn, Linda Harris and unfortunately [Redacted] get the other ladies name but [Redacted] like to also thank her as both she and Jamie were extremely helpful.

Many thanks for your time

[Redacted]

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Dear Councillors,

█ like to express my strong belief that a FREE RV stopover be established in Bauple township to assist with the development of tourism to the Fraser Coast.

█ expressed this view to the FCRC in writing previously.

Unfortunately, █ unable to attend the briefing this Saturday, █



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File: <u>F000390</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
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<b>18 APR 2011</b>	
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..... Officer <i>[Signature]</i>	

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To The Councillors of the Fraser Coast Regional Council

**RE: The Approval of the Bauple Rec Grounds being utilised for the purpose of a free RV Camping Site.**

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[Redacted] a local of the Bauple/Glenwood areas, [Redacted]

like to make my apologies for not being able to attend in person due to a commitment [Redacted] a very strong opinion as to the above issue and the process that has been taken in the decision of this issue that [Redacted] be the make or brake of the Bauple community and its sustainability.

[Redacted] also like to start by saying how disappointed [Redacted] the Fraser Coast Regional Council's professionalism when it comes to dealing with these & other small community based issues. [Redacted]

[Redacted] locals feel frustrated, let down and not heard with what they would like to have implemented in Bauple, as [Redacted] the area. [Redacted] go on with the negative emotions of what has happened till the cows come home however [Redacted] to voice my opinion on whether we have the RV site in Bauple or not.

[Redacted] that enjoys the outdoors and has travelled around parts of Australia in a camper trailer [Redacted] definitely say YES, [Redacted] that Bauple is one of the most perfect towns to have an RV site. [Redacted] travels [Redacted] use free camping and RV sites at least 98% of the time. [Redacted] enjoy using these RV sites especially in small towns due to the following reasons:

- [Redacted] able to stay at little or no cost which allows [Redacted] then in turn spend time & money to support the locals and their businesses and research what [Redacted] like to do and see in the area. [Redacted] has always done this as [Redacted] it important to the sustainability of struggling little towns.
- [Redacted] always found that [Redacted] to meet the locals that are very hospitable and helpful, where in a caravan park [Redacted] found it to be a very sterile environment. This gives the locals something to look forward to & motivates them on a regular basis when they know the town receives visitors.
- Some sites have had dump points which is handy, hot showers, working toilets, tables chairs and generally campers, travellers, backpackers and all types of RV owners that you can enjoy company and learn off. It is quite important to these people to have a place where they have basic amenities and feel welcome.

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- [redacted] need visitors to Bauple to help support businesses and organisation in and around the area. [redacted] already seen a lot of people, of which half have been families, leave the area due to a negativity of Bauple and that it is stuck in a rut. You just have to walk into the museum to see how alive Bauple was generations ago. It is time we see it back their again. Every small town goes through a lull period. It is now the responsibility of the Fraser Coast Regional Council & its community members to make this happen in each and every small community. [redacted]

[redacted] this RV site is not approved as [redacted] that the likes of all the associations, organisation and businesses will suffer financially and possibly have to close their doors or run at a loss. [redacted] cannot fathom why FCRC are not listening to their members that have the majority say to approve this community saving decision. [redacted] thought that councils in Australia are working for their people not for themselves.

[redacted] stand in confidence in saying that an RV Site at the Bauple Rec Ground will provide longevity for Bauple and its residence in the future. [redacted] willing to discuss this [redacted] opinion at greater lengths and am contactable [redacted]

Regards

[redacted]

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**Handwritten Letter retyped for Right to Information purposes**

[REDACTED]

12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

To/ Fraser Coast Council Representatives,

[REDACTED] decided to write to you and express [REDACTED] "full support" for having a free campsite in the Bauple township it-self.

Having the camp site in town would bring tourists (ie Caravaners, RVs, Campers) in to Bauple from which the whole community would benefit. It would mean employment and fund for our community groups ie The Bauple Museum, The Mens Shed, The Band Hall, our local church, the Recreation Grounds, even Primary School would reap the benefits as well. Which [REDACTED] sure you would agree is a very good "incentive" indeed.

As a small town if we are going to sustain our level of living as well as grow we need the revenue that these tourists bring.

Having the camp-site way out of town (near the Bruce Highway) is both unproductive and unrealistic to say the least to say the least. No one will benefit from it being so far away. The campers would not venture in to town from out there and having them come to Bauple is the very thing we need.

At the "Vision for Bauple" workshop the townspeople agreed most strongly that they wanted a fair share of the tourist trade for Bauple. For that we need to have a free camp site in town close to everything.

Don't you think that if the whole Fraser Coast supported each other in these tough times everyone including the Councillors would see the positive effects from it.

Please help us to achieve our goals and ambitions for this wonderful town and its inhabitants.

[REDACTED] thank you for taking the time to read this letter. [REDACTED] passionate about this issues and hope that you will be able to help the town in their quest.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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been a volunteer at the Bauple Museum for years and had many happy visitors praising the Museum and its peaceful location, the park and the scenic surroundings.

Often been asked if one can park a van around here for a few days, but could give a negative reply. It would benefit the museum as well as Bauple a lot to have free caravan parking as visitors could spend time in the museum, enjoy our beautiful park, the playground for the kids and of course the use of the B.B.Q.S.

Only last week a gentleman informed that he would like to return with 20 other Visitors to enjoy the peace and the beautiful natural surroundings here. He gave a nice donation to our museum, thanked us, but was very sorry that the free parking was not a sure thing any longer.

There would be a lot of good responses through the spread of information by travellers because the location is beautiful, interesting, peaceful, and visitors can have a couple of carefree days without stress.

At the turnoff from the highway the sign says "Bauple Tourist Drive". We should offer something to the tourists. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings, our interesting museum, the Men's Shed, and any future developments. In time to come you would have many more visitors to a better organized Bauple Bash and to the Markets.

It works for Tiaro, but our location is so much more beautiful. (That is the location in Bauple near the museum.)

urge you to consider a positive response for free caravan parking at the recreation grounds, and we all will benefit by it.



12. April 2011

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**FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

To: Jamie Lockhart  Make Record

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Officer: [Signature]

12 April 2011



**RE: PROPOSED RV/CARAVAN STOP OVER AT BAUPLE**

Please find attached a copy of a notice to conduct an information booth on Saturday to allow residents to come along and discuss this matter with Councilors and officers of Council.

As chief petitioner/ sponsor of the petition submitted to Council, could you please make this information available to those who supported your petition.

Yours faithfully

**JAMIE COCKBURN  
EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Contact Officer:** Jamie Cockburn  
**Phone:** 1300 794 929  
**Reference:** 2018497

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12 April 2011



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Yours faithfully

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FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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Kamala Dunn

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2011 10:43 AM  
**To:** Info Services  
**Subject:** Bauple Nuts

Good Morning,

[REDACTED] like to register [REDACTED] vote for the Free RV Camp Site at Bauple at the Recreation Grounds as a YES vote. This site as toilets and a shower and is in walking distance to the village and [REDACTED] the campers would place a gold coin donation if need be either at the café or museum. [REDACTED] not see a problem with this site being near the school, our children are at risk wherever they go even at church, school or home. The Rosendale Park site is good but as no toilets and [REDACTED] only see some people using the field behind it as a toilet, not good for our environment and the people who own the field. Plus RV campers would not come in to Bauple to see our beautiful Museum etc, as this site is very close to the highway and campers would just head back out that way. It would be good if RV campers could spend some money in Bauple so that the community could benefit from it. It is a pity that these issues have split the lovely community and [REDACTED] believe it comes down to personalities within the community. Thank you for listening to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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G.Davis  
K.Stephens  
M.Bromet  
PO Box 1  
Bauple QLD 4650

Personal for: Chris Foley (MLA)

Mick Kruger (FCRC – Mayor)

**BAUPLE SUSTAINABILITY**

We wish to advise that a petition being circulated (sponsored by Rachel Ireland) is legally and ethically incorrect (refer attachment).

It has been misrepresented to many people and many locals have complained about harassment and being intimidated to sign at their front door.


A Bauple RV sign on the Bruce Highway has been attacked and graffitied.

The petition being circulated is contrary to the G.Davis petition presented to Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) on the 16 March 2011 which confirmed the due process initiated by FCRC community workshops on the sustainability of small communities.

Specifically:

- a) No Q150 car park as stated in the petition was ever allocated;
- b) There is no school adjacent as suggested in the FCRC report, the site is further away than the pre-existing oval site;
- c) There are more advantages for an RV site at the Recreation Grounds than there are for the Rosendale site and that information is with the FCRC investigating officer;
- d) There is a majority of community organizations support for the Bauple Recreation Ground site.
- e) Community consultation was less than adequate for the council officer's report regarding the Rec Ground site and many Community Organizations and individuals were not consulted.
- f) The Graham Davis petition demonstrates an overwhelming support for RVs overnighing at the Recreation Ground.

In view of the above the legality of the attached petition ought to be confirmed before it is received and/or acted upon by FCRC.

  
G. Davis

K. Stephens  
  
M. Bromet  


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**PETITION TO FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

We, the undersigned, support the recommendation of the Fraser Coast Regional Council for a free camp site to be located at the Rosendale Rest Area, situated at 18 Bauple Drive, Bauple. We consider that this site would offer many advantages, without the disadvantages of the other proposed site at the Bauple & District Recreation Grounds Car Park.  
Sponsored by Rachel Ireland - Lot 14 Tatnell Drive, Bauple Qld 4650

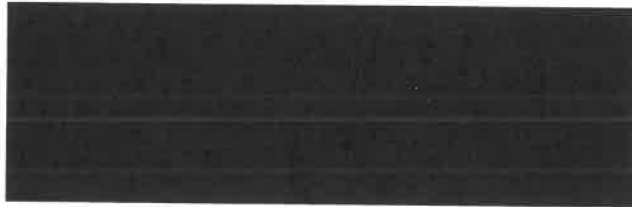
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31 March 2011



**RE: BAUPLE COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUNDS**

Thank you for your recent enquiry and expressing your position with Council regarding to the above matter.

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Yours faithfully

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**Contact Officer:** Jamie Cockburn  
**Phone:** 1300 794 929  
**Reference:** 2015373

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Kamala Dunn

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 February 2011 8:21 AM  
**To:** Toni Souviis  
**Subject:** Bauple & District Rec. Ground Assoc.

Hi Toni,

The Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc. wish to proceed with the negotiation of a Lease. Another matter relating to maintenance of the buildings that we would like to have addressed prior to signing, is the steps of the demountable (scouts/playgroup rooms). The timber is quite old, splitting and turning upward, and has now become a safety hazard.

A problem has developed for Playgroup, regarding campers accessing the oval, parking and setting up, during the time that Playgroup is held and the chain gate is open. Can you please advise who I should approach to request that a sign be made up (No Camping on Oval - or similar) to be positioned by this gate, in order to prevent the Playgroup ladies from having to interrupt their time with the children, to go and advise the campers to move. Or can you arrange this?

Also, can I ask you about whether FCRC can provide a Plumber (with Gas Fitting Certificate) to lower the connections for gas lines on the Q150 Shed? We had originally intended to use small (9kg) gas bottles, due to the infrequency of supply required, and the costs involved with hire of large bottles that would sit unused for an extended period. The plumber who installed the line has put connections at the height of the large (45kg) bottles. Our enquiries have found that Safety requirements prevent us from sitting the small bottles on anything to raise them.

Finally, due to changes in council, and the coming Lease agreement, our committee would like to request a meeting with whomever might be able to provide us with clear and accurate information about our responsibilities and obligations in relation to the care of the grounds. As we are named the Bauple and District Recreation Ground Association Inc. we would like advice on the impact of any changes we may be as yet unaware of.

Thank-you, I look forward to your response.  
Kind Regards

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[Redacted]  
Secretary  
Bauple & District Rec. Ground Assoc. Inc.  
[Redacted]

Kamala Dunn

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 27 March 2011 5:41 PM  
**To:** Julie Arthur; Linda Harris; Mick Kruger  
**Subject:** BAUPLE RV SITE - MUST STAY IN BAUPLE TOWNSHIP REC GROUNDS

To whom it may concern

I have lived in this area [REDACTED] and it seems there are a handful of people who do not want this area to flourish, but instead stagnate. This is not what the community wants.

Bullying doesn't only apply to the children in this town. For the first time, someone stands up to her and his reputation, integrity and business are attacked. This is not acceptable. Council should not reward this behaviour with land or building to the bully and her Recreation Ground group. And they should not be able to close down the RV site in town when every other community group is working hard and benefiting. You should meet with community groups Chairpersons and business owner in one room, make an informed decision and move on.

[REDACTED] walked in the person behind the counter produced a piece of paper and pen and said "sign the petition". As a [REDACTED] asked what it was about [REDACTED] was told to sign the petition about the "stupid RV and caravans who stop at Bauple who run around in their underwear and accost the children at the Rec Ground at Bauple". [REDACTED] no, [REDACTED] didn't agree or believe this was happening, that they were just people, usually the elderly retired going on holidays. The pen was slammed down on the counter and [REDACTED] told to sign. Again [REDACTED] no, [REDACTED] didn't agree and [REDACTED] had the last 15mths pursuing a pedifile that was in the area but has now left but still is employed by people who live no more than 400 metres from the woman who has instigated this petition. In her own words, has labelled every RV driver, caravaner and holidayer as a prospective pedifile!

As it is [REDACTED] not respond to intimidation and standover tactics to sign anything, [REDACTED] not stand for it from anyone.

[REDACTED] If this woman thinks that the tactics she and her friends are using work, Fraser Coast council is going to find themselves embroiled in a massive defamation case. And if it doesn't stop them, [REDACTED] will contact the TV station ie channel 9 Today Tonight or Weekend doing a special on Fraser Coast to investigate, and a full page ad in the Courier Mail, and will quote her petition and Bauple Newsletter. [REDACTED] also contact the RACQ and NRMA to warn people travelling to the Fraser Coast that they will be labelled as a threat to the community. This is not how this lovely area should be showcased with lies, discrimination, slander and remarks.

[REDACTED] not be intimidated or told to sign a petition denigrating this area, by someone who doesn't know what they are talking about.

There have been no police reports to back up the supposed claims by this group. No back up from school headmistress or others in the community. Nothing. She needs to get her facts straight, and [REDACTED] contacting the education department in regards to the person involved in this matter.

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behaviour with land or building to the bully and her Recreation Ground group. And they should **not** be able to close down the RV site in town when every other community group is working hard and benefiting.

This council is missing out on funds brought to this area and many locals who want it to go ahead. If you don't approve the RV site in the town, then the bully wins, and her rules and attitude apply to every person or retiree who wants to live in the Fraser Coast – a prospective pedifile! This attitude will impact potential young families to the Fraser Coast Bauple and we may lose our local shop.

If you have any doubts about any RV, suggest they sign and leave rego details in a visitor's book as most parks do, and encourage caravaners RV tourists to stay in Bauple township, not on the edges with no access to any facilities and no benefit to our town or Fraser Coast.



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18<sup>th</sup> March 2011



**RE: RV SITE AT BAUPLE & DISTRICT RECREATION GROUNDS**

Thank you for your letter regarding the use of the Bauple and District Recreation Grounds for RV vans.

I have forwarded your letter to the Officer who has written the report for Council for his consideration and information. This is an important matter for consideration and will be discussed at a Council meeting.

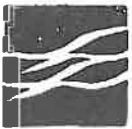
Yours faithfully

Linda Harris  
**COUNCILLOR**

**Contact Officer:** Cr Linda Harris  
**Phone:** 0417 711 993  
**Reference:** Docs #2011549

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18 March 2011



Thank you for your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> March relating to Bauple and the Recreation Grounds. Bauple is a place of beauty, peace and tranquillity so it is disturbing to see such division and the resultant deep hurt to so many.

Although a relatively small community, the achievements of the various groups - including the Menshed - are nothing short of phenomenal. The many volunteers and the dedicated people who drove the projects have my respect and my admiration. It would be sad to lose any.

In my book, it is always best for people to work out their own differences - preferably in private. Having said that, if, by bringing the parties together, council can resolve any misunderstandings and misconceptions to find a solution suitable to all parties then so be it.

This is my personal response as you will receive a formal reply from council. I am very sad it has come to this.

Yours sincerely /

Barbara Howard  
Councillor

FORWARDED

20110318

18 March 2011



Thank you for your letter of 11 March 2011 providing comments with regard to the Bauple Recreation Grounds.

I believe that the community should show a united front on this issue to enable Council to understand the outcome needed for the whole community.

Yours sincerely

**MICK KRUGER  
MAYOR**

Contact officer: MK/MJD  
Phone: 41974389  
Our Ref: #2011623

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Kamala Dunn

From: enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au  
Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2011 12:35 PM  
To: Info Services  
Subject: Complaint



What does this complaint relate to? : Community  
Details - please be as specific as possible. : POTENTIAL RV SITE NEXT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL. It disgusting that such an idea is even being entertained!!!! It is totally inappropriate for a 24hour RV camp to be NEXT to a public school????? Are the safety of these children not paramount? live in Bauple but all see is potential danger to the children. Please don't think saying RV owners using this proposed site are dangerous, but alarm bells are ringing so loudly see why the council is even considering it!! It is obvious that this situation WILL 'attract' paedophile like behaviour as it is opening up a smorgasboard of opportunity for their perverted and sick lifestyles. How will the safety of children be monitored? Will extra police be on duty to protect these children and 'serve and protect' the community of Bauple with the increased casual population load? What about extra school staff to vigilantly monitor before and after school transitions or simply to make sure no child wanders off during lunch break? The list could go on and on and on!!  
All this just to fill a few pockets. Shame on you!!!!  
Would you like a response? : No

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**FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

To: James Cockburn  Make Record

File: F000390  Legal

Retention:  Restricted

**16 MAR 2011**

Plan - Lot: "Petition"

Comments: cc Julie S

Officer: [Signature]

Petition #2010863  
263 petitioners

Petition tabled as item ORD 9.1  
at Ordinary Meeting No. 5  
held on Wednesday 16 March 2011  
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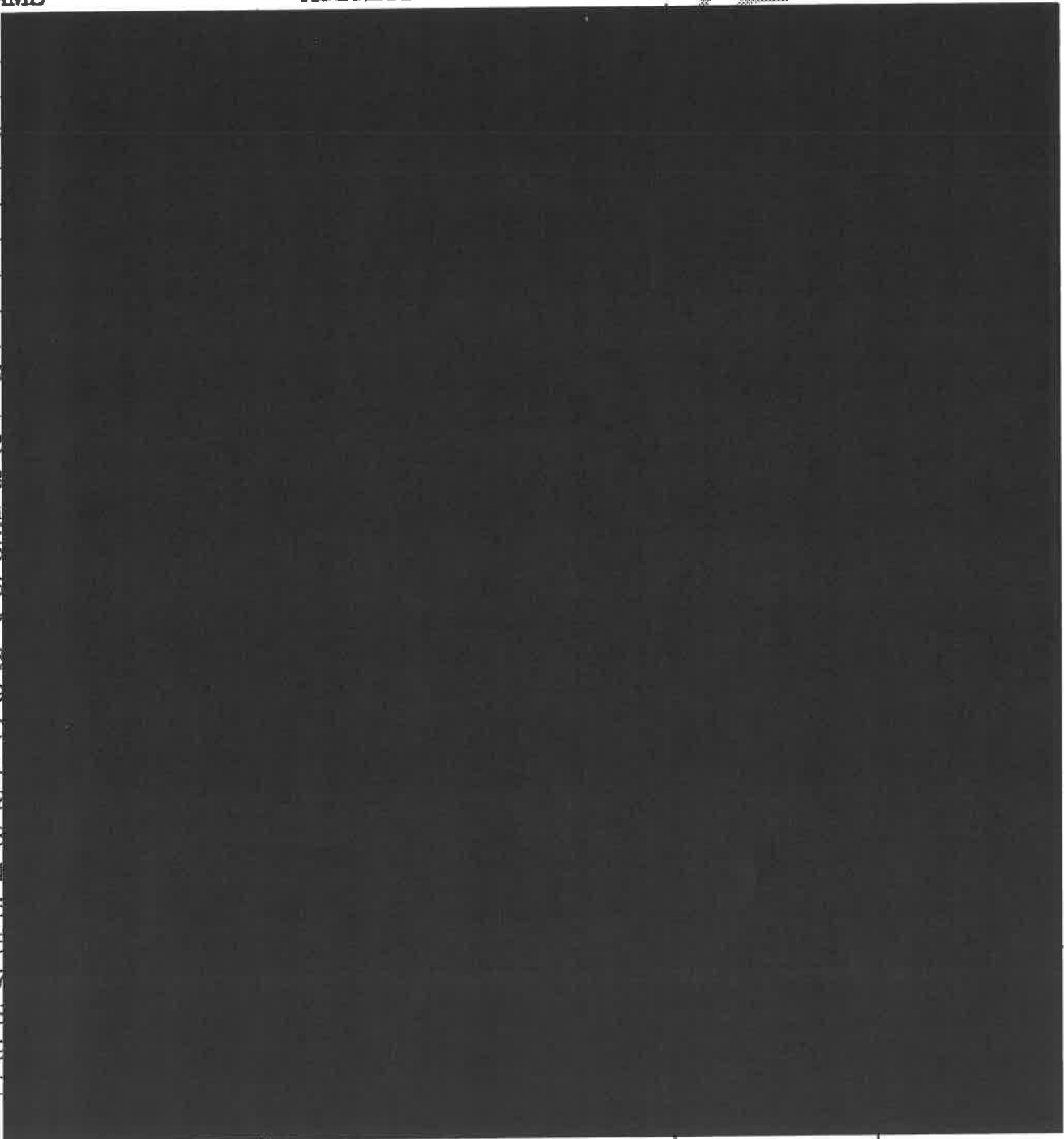
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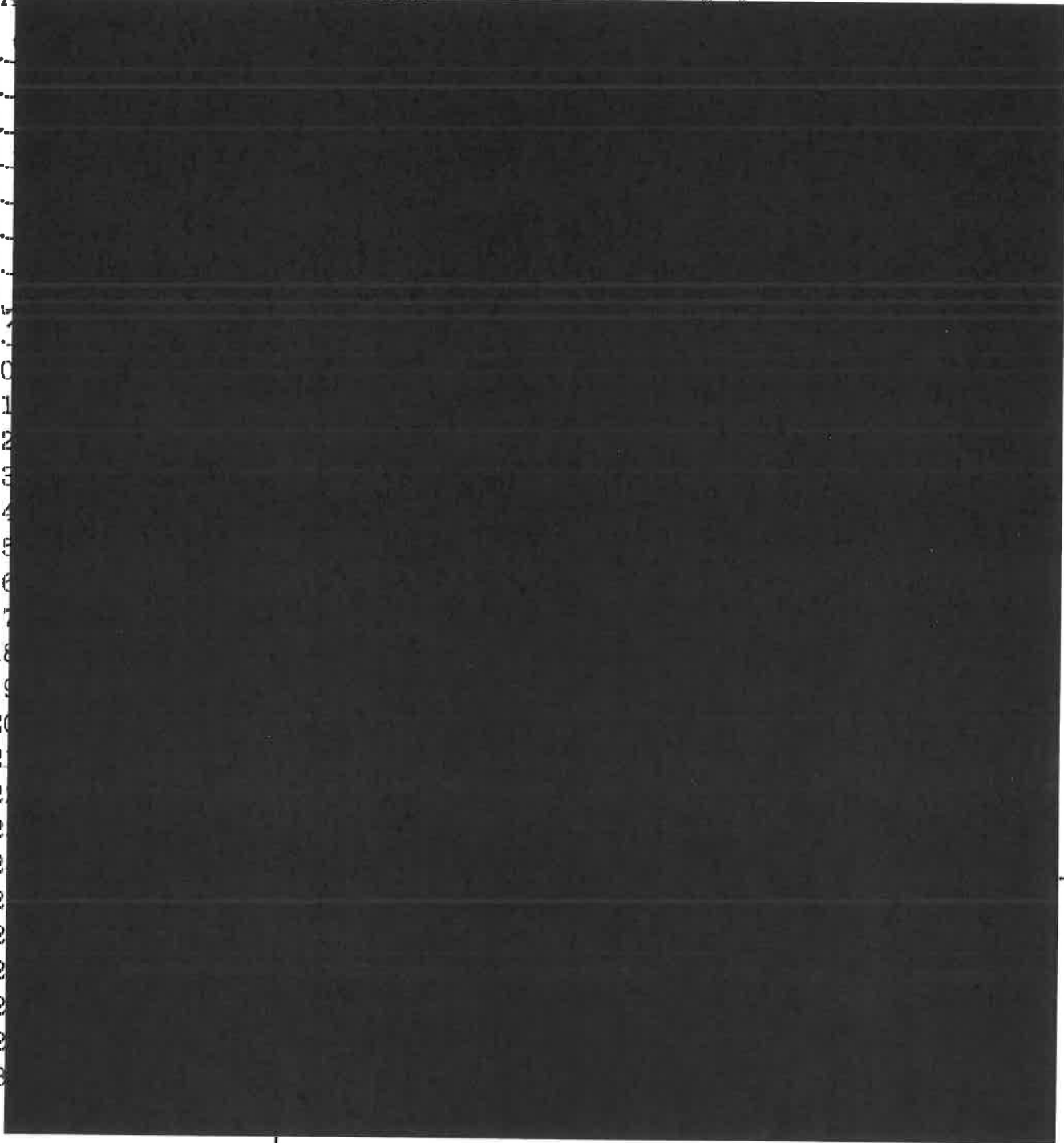


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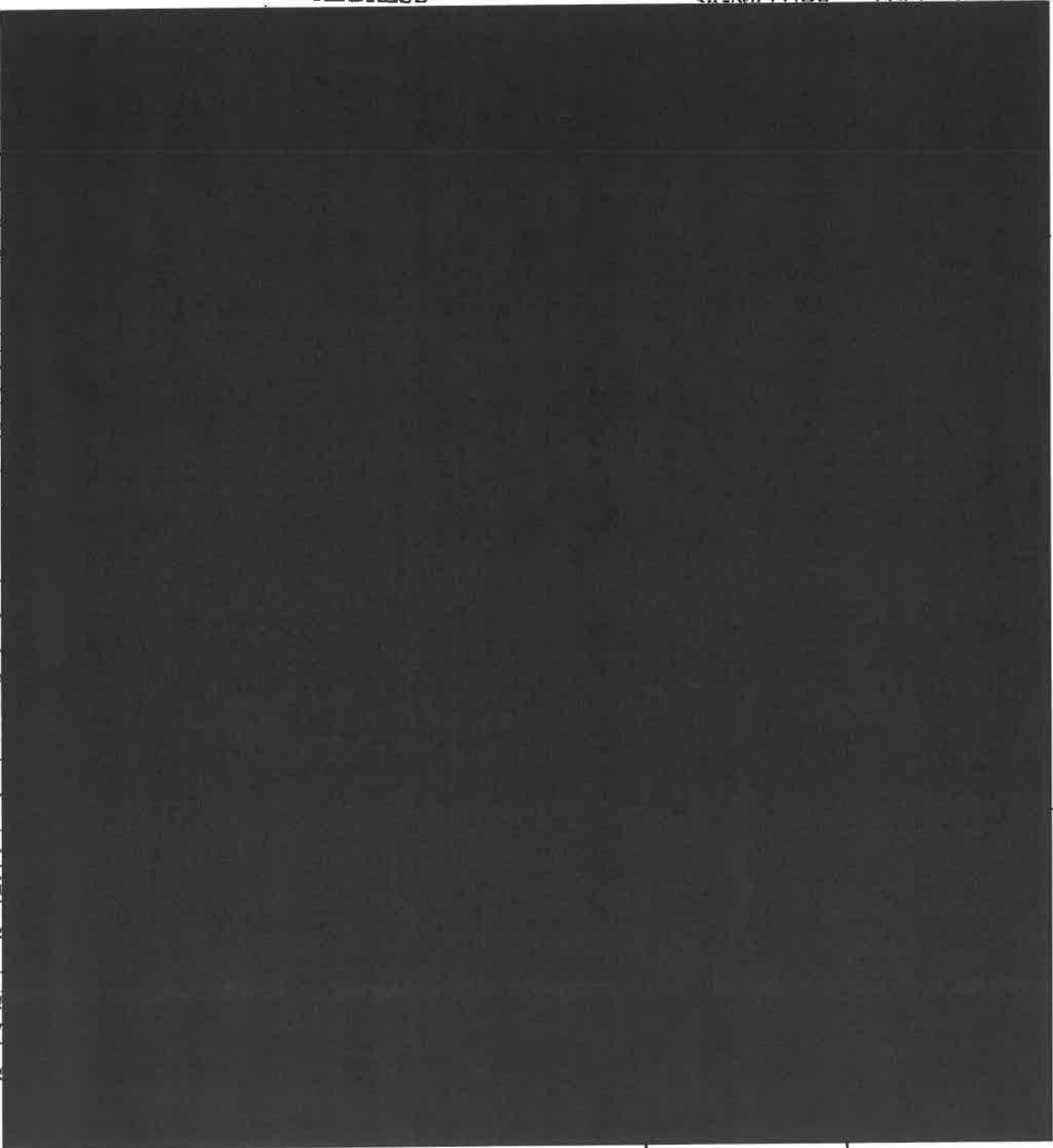
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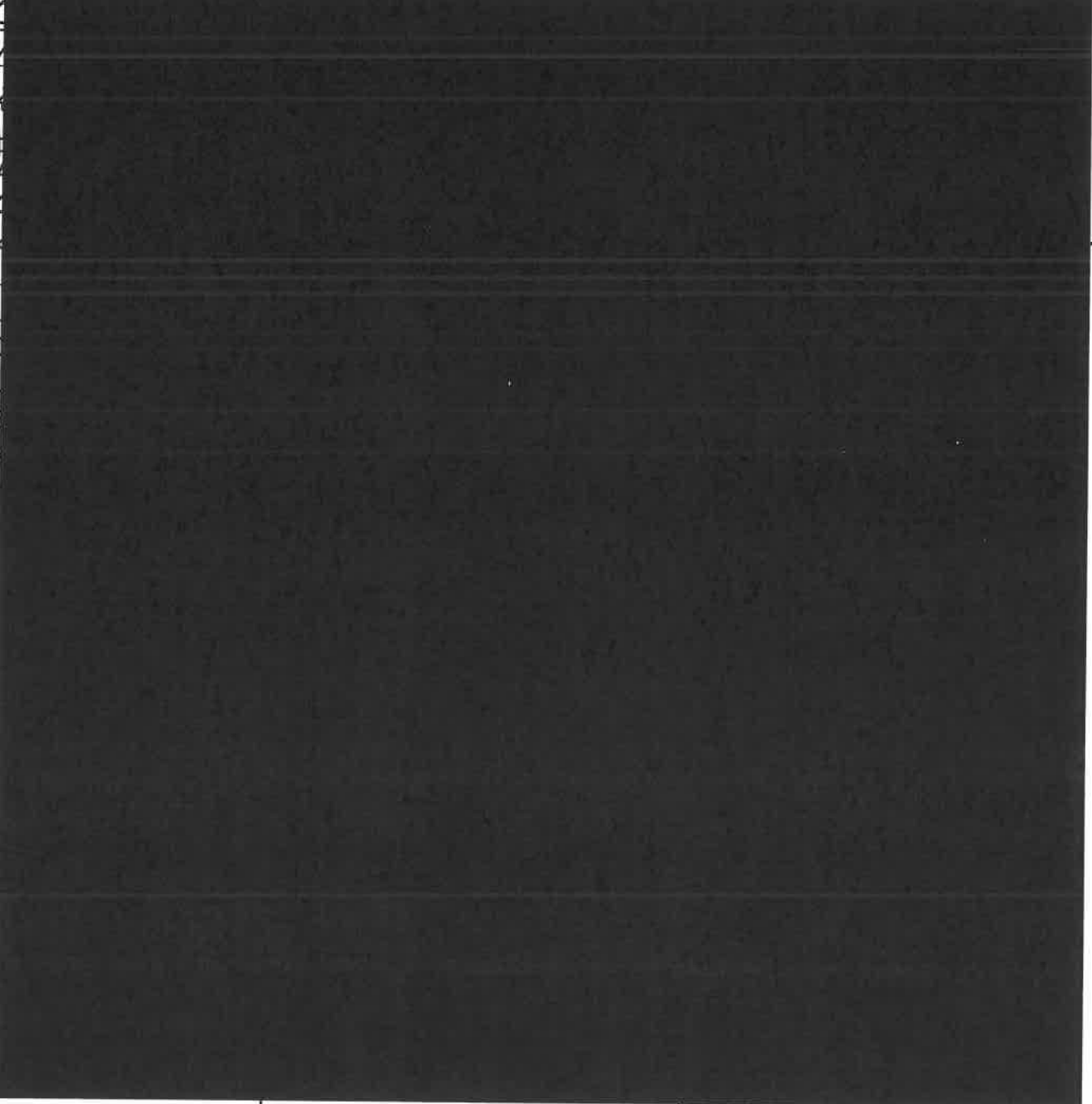


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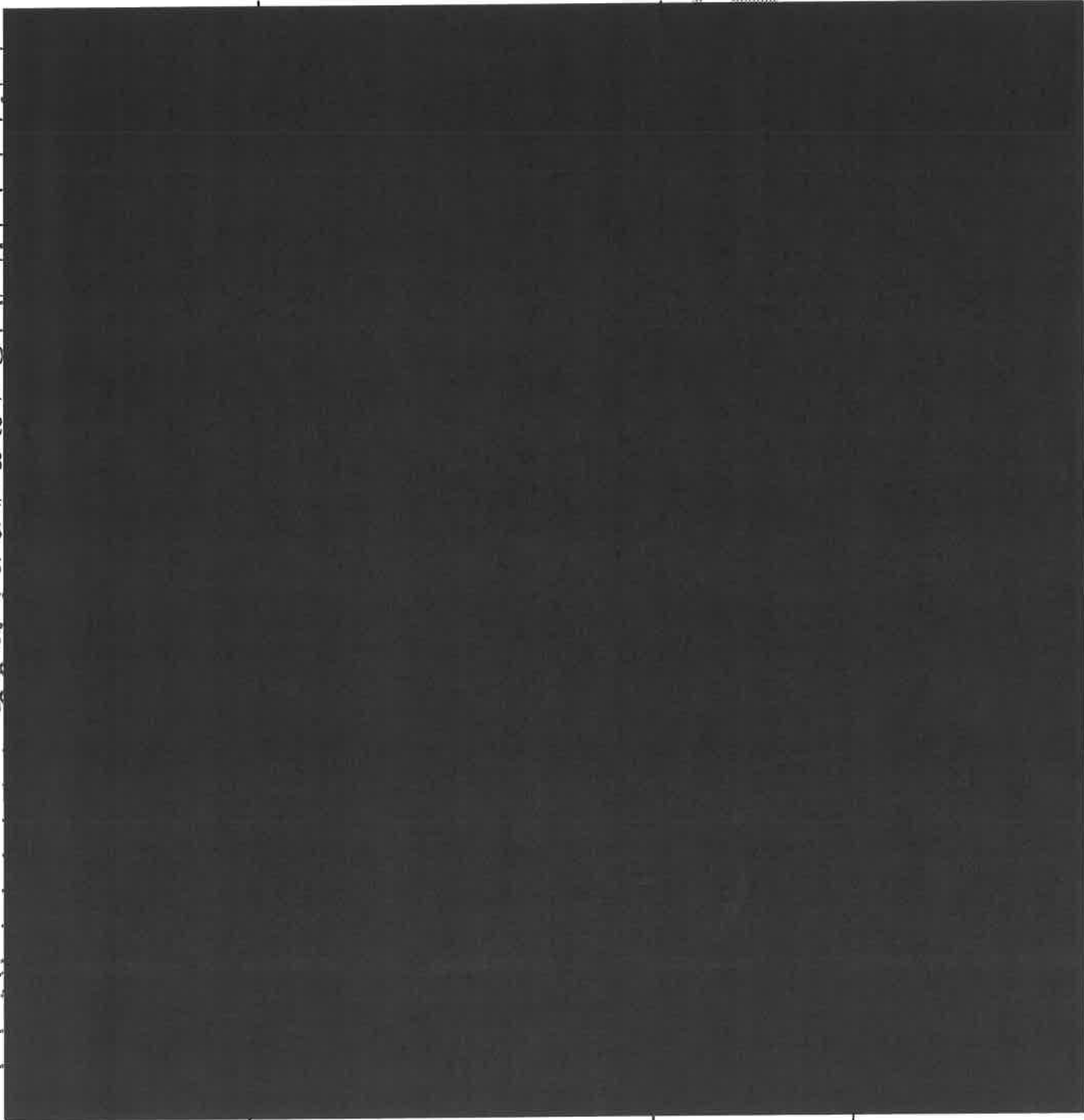
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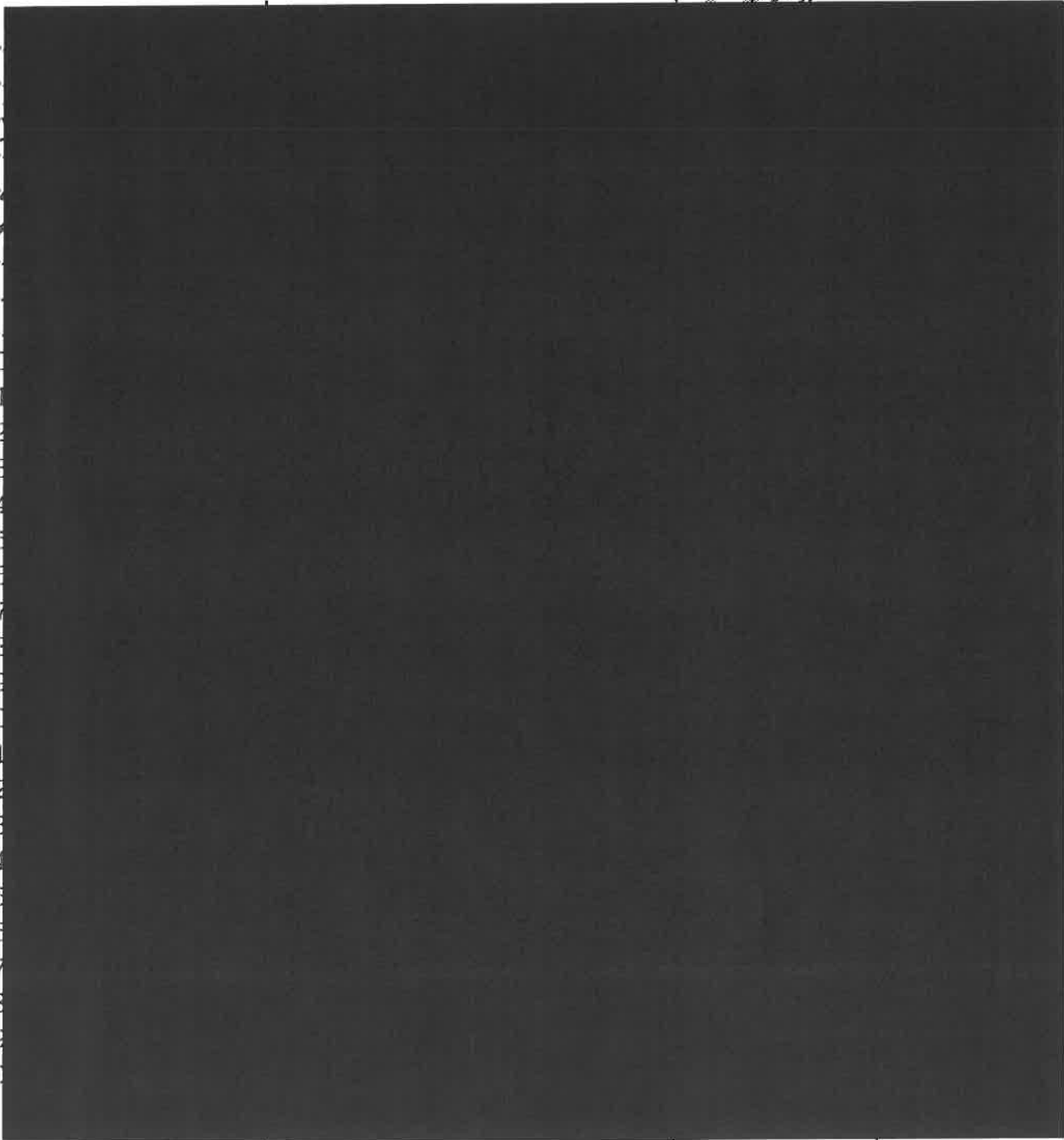
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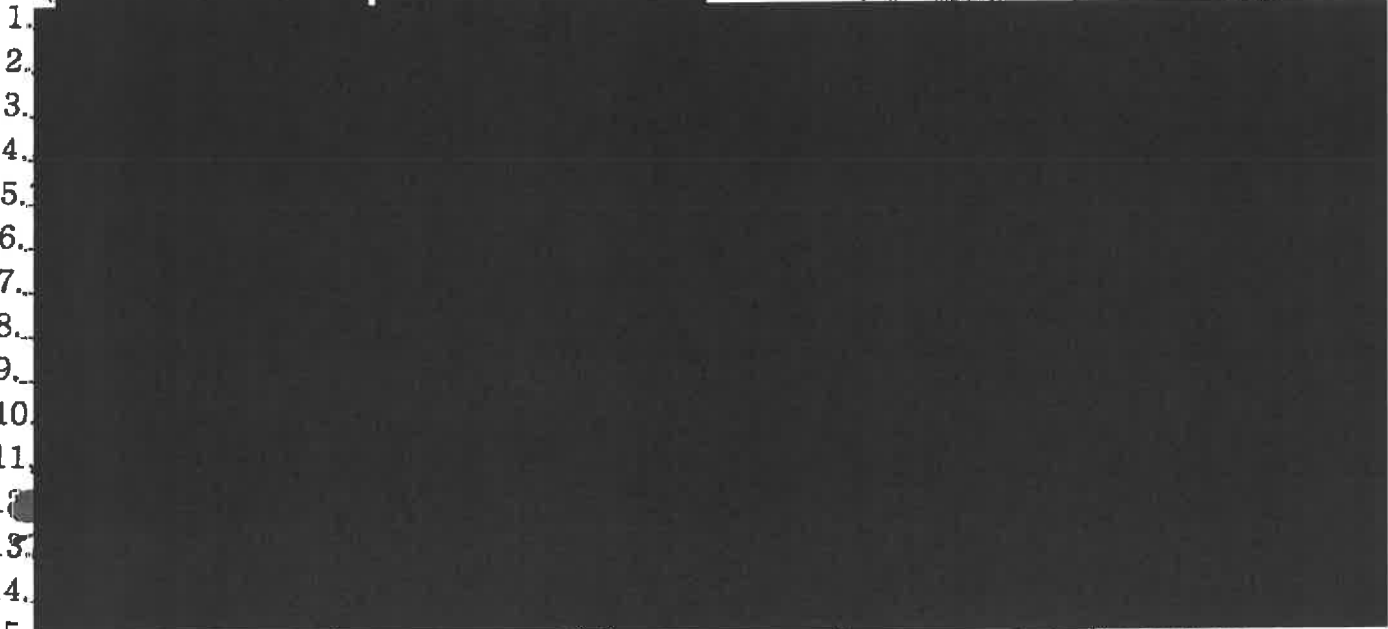


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11 March 2011

To Mayor Mick Kruger

Cost of Maintenance of Rec Ground to the Council

Understand the Bauple Rec Ground is applying for a lease for the footprint of the "Q150" building AND NOW the surrounding grounds.

Where is the Rec Ground Committee obtaining monies for mower maintenance and purchase of suitable mower to maintain 1.5ha of grass land?

knowledge the main source of income is the "Bauple Bash" which returns less than \$350 per annum and the odd other fund raiser that may return \$450 or less per annum.

The "Q150" hall belongs to the FCRC so the hall cannot be hired by the Rec Ground Committee to raise funds. Understand the situation.

The Rec Ground Committee have been adamant they do not or did not want to pay lease fees because they were a community base organisation, and a small community at that, and didn't have a community that they could call upon to raise capital to pay lease fees and other associated costs. been lead to believe all of a sudden and miraculously the committee or some of the committee and members of the Rec Ground have been influenced or intimidated by people with intimidating mannerism to vote for a change of direction re leasing the entire Rec Ground without giving any thought to the consequences of such a bold move.

Small group influence - negative impact to Bauple Community

It now be understood that the Bauple State School P&C has also been roped into this debacle insinuating that the children of the school are at risk from people who tour, holiday or live in caravans, campers and motor homes "WHAT ABSOLUTE ROT & NONSENSE".

considered opinion that someone, or a very small group, is trying to square the ledger on a personal basis at the expense of the entire community. The reason come to this conclusion is attended a group discussion organised by council to get an idea of what people wanted for the area by 2030. Suggestions by people were, tourism, employment, ambulance station, doctor, civic centre etc. Now the people who voiced these wishes are bad mouthing and denigrating others who are trying to make some of these things happen and get the area moving forward for the benefit of all, not just a few.

of the firm view that the FCRC needs and should take a close look into the political and personal goings on and make a decision as to who gets what and bring an end to the entire community self destructing debacle that is destroying the Bauple community.

Very concerned citizen of Bauple,



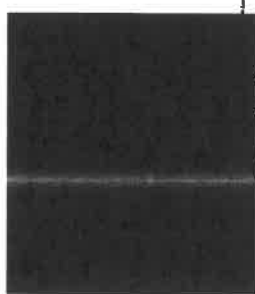
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Response #2011549 - kmc on behalf of Cr Harris 180311


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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011


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HERVEY BAY Q 4655

Cr Linda Harris

As Parents and Grandparents of children in Bauple,  have always been concerned with the safety of the children in our township and surrounding areas. It has been brought to our attention that the Bauple State School P & C Association has some concerns with the safety of children walking through the Recreation Grounds to and from school while it is occupied by Motor Home and Caravan Campers.

 believe that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the safety of their children while they travel to and from school. This can be done by ensuring they travel a set route and do not detour from it. Children have been walking to and from Bauple State School for many years and there has never been any problems or issues with their safety.

The removal of the RV site from the Recreation Grounds would not remove the safety issue as the area also has constant vehicle traffic when the sheds are in use by Community Members.

As Motor Home and Caravan uses are bringing much needed tourist dollars to the area  like them to continue to use the area as a short stop over in their journey. They could easily be controlled by limiting their stay to two days and travellers having to get a key to have access to the grounds.

The Recreation Grounds belong to the whole community. This can be seen in the number of facilities using the area. For example Play Group, Q150 Building and the Men's Shed.

Yours Sincerely



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**Kamala Dunn**

**From:** Naomi Dunning  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: RV overnight stay

[REDACTED]

In response to your email enquiry of 26 October 2011 regarding a proposed 'short term RV parking' to be located [REDACTED] please note the following advice from the Development Assessment Department.

Pursuant to the Planning Scheme for the Shire of Tiaro the proposed 'short term RV parking' is defined as a 'Caravan Park' use. A proposed Caravan Park use where located within the Rural Zone will require an Impact Assessable Material Change of Use application to be submitted to Council for approval. This application will require assessment against the following codes from the Planning Scheme for the Shire of Tiaro:

- Rural Zone Code;
- Caravan Park Code;
- Natural Features and Resources Overlay Code; and
- Natural Hazards Overlay Code.

The application fee is \$7620 for up to 100 sites, plus \$191 for each additional site. The applicant will be required to carry out Public Notification procedures in accordance with Division 2 Part 4 Chapter 6 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

Please find attached the Material Change of Use application forms for your convenience. Please ensure the mandatory supporting information items listed on IDAS Form 5 Question 6 are submitted to Council with the completed application forms and application fee. The Planning Scheme for the Shire of Tiaro can be viewed from Councils' website [www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au)

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Should you require further information, please feel free to contact Councils' Planning Customer Service Officers on 1300 79 49 29.

Regards,

**Naomi Dunning**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 October 2011 10:08 AM  
**To:** Rhianne McMullen  
**Subject:** RV overnight stay

Hello Rhianne

Further to discussion on RV staying overnight [REDACTED] property.

Present situation:  
Manufacturer and grower of macadamia nuts. Commercial kitchen approved by Fraser Coast Council.

Enquiry:  
RV only, these are self sufficient travellers who carry own waste and have own facilities.  
No charge on use of site.  
1-2 night stay max.  
By appointment only.  
No caravans or tents.

[REDACTED] the council has designated an area across from Macadamia House for overnight stays, but this hasn't been built yet. There is a shortage of space for campers in the Bauple area and [REDACTED] an area suited for this. [REDACTED] adjoining neighbour about 1km from the site and one neighbour across the road about 500mtrs away. [REDACTED] not believe they would be impacted by this and [REDACTED] seek there approval first.

[REDACTED] been advised that [REDACTED] do this without consent from council as [REDACTED] not be charging a fee, but would like to run it by council as a courtesy. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**Kamala Dunn**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2011 1:29 PM  
**To:** A1-Councillors  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bauple RV Park.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] personally am against the RV camp grounds in our Rec grounds for several reasons.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] believe that there has been an alternative offered for the RV's which [REDACTED] would be far more appropriate, a much nicer area. The people that stay there would be able to still shop at the local shop if that is a concern. They would also still be able to see the local Museum.

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