



## Minister for Housing and Public Works

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 1948-12 received by the House on 21 August 2012, tabled by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, regarding the sale of three government-owned caravan parks.

I reached the difficult decision to proceed with the sale of these caravan parks and utilise the funds generated to contribute directly to the delivery of new units of social housing for the 27 000 households on the Housing Register.

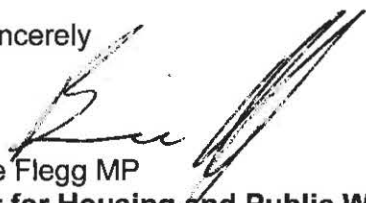
This decision was not taken lightly or without due consideration for all possible consequences. The caravan parks will be sold as going concerns and the current residents will not be affected during this process. I will place an 18 month block on any change of usage following the sale, which will protect the tenure of the current residents. Running in parallel will be the provision of support and information to existing residents about a range of housing options, should usage changes come to pass after the sale.

Residents of the caravan parks have been encouraged to contact their local housing service centre to obtain information about applying for housing assistance—whether that be entering the public, community or private sectors.

The high costs involved in operating, maintaining and upgrading the caravan parks are a significant drain on the scarce funding that is available for housing programs. The government remains committed to managing these finite resources, and catering for those most in need.

If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact my office on telephone 07 3237 1832.

Yours sincerely

  
Dr Bruce Flegg MP  
Minister for Housing and Public Works