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1	Private submission	This submission identifies Queen Elizabeth Centre or alternatively Maitland Park as an ideal location for a dump point.	Refer to Recommendation 6.5.1	Note submission / Dismiss submission
2	Sunset Beach Holiday Park	<p>This submission expresses strong disagreement with the provision of free (overnight) parking for RV's, stating that it will take away business from existing businesses.</p> <p>The submission also mentions that the provision of a dump point on the outskirts of town, possibly the 440 Roadhouse or the car park at the top of the hill south of town, will be sufficient to cater for the travelling public.</p>	Refer to Recommendation 6.3.1. The aim of this recommendation is to encourage RV travellers that normally do not stay overnight in Geraldton a free opportunity to experience the CGG. This recommendation will be subject to ongoing review	Dismiss submission.
3&4	Belair Gardens Caravan Park 1	<p>The submission states that free camping equates to rate payer subsidised camping and that the provision of this type of facility is unfair and will be detrimental to existing businesses which contribute to rates, create employment and contribute to the local economy.</p> <p>The second submission from Belair Gardens deals with discussions the owner had with the CGG regarding the use of their dump point as a free dumping option.</p>	Refer to recommendation 6.3.1. The aim of this recommendation is to encourage RV travellers that normally do not stay overnight in Geraldton a free opportunity to experience the CGG. This recommendation will be subject to ongoing review	Dismiss submission
5	Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia:	This submission provides general comments and also notes that 50% of RV tourists use a mixture of both Caravan Parks and low cost/non-commercial accommodation options. This, according to the author, implies that Caravan Parks will get a share of the spend if you can get them in Geraldton.		Note submission.

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6	WA Association of Caravan Clubs Inc	This submission supports the majority of recommendations and congratulated CGG on a well presented, action oriented report.		Note submission
7	Private Submitters	They are in support of the document, especially well located parking for access to shops	Refer to recommendation 6.3.2	Note submission
8	Kingform nominees	The submission is concerned with the effect of the free camping on the viability of their business (Double Beach Holiday Village and Caravan Park) and other existing local caravan parks.	Refer to Recommendation 6.3.1. The aim of this recommendation is to encourage RV travellers that normally do not stay overnight in Geraldton a free opportunity to experience the CGG. This recommendation will be subject to ongoing review	Dismiss submission
9	Sunset Beach Community Group	This submission notes the inconsistency between the recommendations for parking at Glenfield IGA between the draft RV strategy and the Sunset Beach Precinct Plan.	Inconsistency noted and addressed. Refer to recommendation 6.3.2.	Note submission
10	Private submitter	This submission notes the need for a free public dump site in Geraldton	Refer to recommendation 6.5	Note submission
11	Batavia Coast Caravan Park	The submission notes that it is unfair to spend public money on supplying services for free, when the services are already in place and paid for by local caravan park operators. It also stresses that a level playing field is required so that operators can run their business without being in competition with a rate payer funded Council.	Refer to recommendations 6.1, 6.3. and 6.5.	Dismiss submission
12	WA Museum Geraldton	The museum submission emphasises the need for directional signage in order for RV vehicles to access parking close enough to the museum to visit, as well as designated parking bay, preferably at the Marina. The submission further	Refer to recommendation 6.2.4	Note submission

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		expresses the need for coach and bus parking.		
13	Private Submitter	This submission welcomes some of the recommendations and notes that the number of vehicles in each location should be limited, to allow for other vehicles to park and prevent overcrowding.	Refer to recommendations	Note submission
14	Private Submitter	This submission lists a number of issues including the higher than normal fees in WA and the fact that they actively avoid RV unfriendly towns. The submission is in favour of free overnight camping.	Refer to recommendation 6.3.1	Note submission
15	Private Submitter	Submitter notes the need for an “eco type” caravan park with few facilities and also expresses the need for more space per vehicle and less control.	Refer to recommendation 6.6	Note submission
16	Private Submitter	This submission comment on the lack of a dump point and appropriate parking at the new Visitors Centre	Refer to recommendations 6.3.2 and 6.5.1	Note submission
17	Private Submitter	This submission welcomes the provision of free overnight camping since it “enables the traveller to take time to get their bearings”. They can unhook and drive around to check out the shopping, available services and, if desired, find a suitable caravan park.” The submission also notes the need for tiered pricing in caravan parks to provide lower cost options for self-contained vehicles.	Refer to recommendation 6.3.1	Note submission
18	Private Submitter	The submitters express the need for better parking facilities and a public dump point.	Refer to recommendation 6.3 and 6.5	Note submission
19	Tourism WA	This application supports the use of existing	Refer to recommendation 6.5	Note submission

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		commercial dump points, while assessing if a new one is required in a central location. The location of a dump point at Walkaway is not supported as it is only 37 kms from Dongara where a public dump point was recently installed.		
20	Private Submitter	Notes the need for RV facilities and parking locations to be dog friendly.		Note submission
21	Private Submitter	This submission requests that facilities are considered where caravans can stay attached to the vehicle.	Refer to recommendation 6.3.1. and 6.3.2	Note submission
22&23	Private Submitter	These submissions express the need for RV facilities to be well signposted in terms of activities allowed i.e. camping, resting, parking. It also notes that the effect that the absence of free camping had in towns in Tasmania. The submission cautions against ignoring and disrespecting RV's and supports free camping.	Refer to recommendation 6.2.3 and 6.2.4	Note submission
24	Private Submitter	This submission notes that there are many free camping sites available in WA. The author notes that while travelling in WA for 7 months; they only paid for caravan park accommodation for a total of 5 days. The submission supports free facilities and camping.		Note submission
25	Department of Local Government and Communities	This submission included circular number 29-2014 which provided information on license requirements and a review of legislation		Note submission
26	Caravan Industry Association of Western Australia (CIAWA).	A comprehensive submission was received from the Caravan Industry Association of Western Australia (CIAWA). The report was submitted on behalf of its members within the CGG and	Refer to recommendations.	Note submission

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		<p>surrounding locations, which would be impacted by Geraldton providing free or low cost camping. The submission includes comments on the 2014 draft Making Geraldton RV Friendly report, as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Commercial Caravan Park is a ratepayer and contributes economically to the local community • A commercial Caravan Park is required to comply with both state and local regulations in order to operate. CIAWA's view is LGA's should be doing all they can to promote the use of facilities provided by their ratepayers and not disadvantage them through unfair competition. The submission also notes (pages 6 and 7) the cost of developing and maintaining facilities. • Geraldton Caravan Parks have necessitated diverse business models in an effort to maintain financial sustainability; each park offers different experiences and product offerings. As a combined cohort, the commercial caravan parks within the City complement and service all markets • Commentary throughout the proposal indicate CMCA members do not require all services offered by a commercial caravan parks and given the size of their vehicles, there is not adequate space for 		

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		<p>them. CMCA members also believe up to a \$20 per night for a non-serviced site would be fair and reasonable. Many of the commercial caravan parks in the Geraldton region have cleared land and would be happy to provide access to these larger vehicles for greater exclusivity without amenity unfortunately they are unable to due to the Act and Regulations that govern the sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most caravan parks in Geraldton can also accommodate vehicles up to 19m in length. • After extensive consultation with the commercial caravan parks in the Geraldton Region, it seems that a large percentage of their RV customers actually want service. (These consumers generally stay for the least period of time and spend the least) The general pattern upon check-in is; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rubbish is removed from the vehicle and placed in the parks bins, • Greywater and black water waste is emptied appropriately, and • Connection to the 240 volt power to run all of their domestic devices and to recharge their 12 volt battery systems • The commercial caravan park operators in the City of Greater Geraldton support the endeavours to provide easier access 		

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		<p>to facilities and services, improved signage etc. for travellers with larger vehicles however vehemently oppose any free or low cost overnight camping in Geraldton. The commercial caravan park operators already consider Geraldton to be RV Friendly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraldton already is the regional service centre and the supplying of free accommodation in the City, subsidised by ratepayers, will not add value to local businesses or change the important role that Geraldton already provides to the RV sector • The need to implement RV Friendly overnight camping is not necessary. Other than a very small and vocal market segment, whose desire is to not pay their way, consumer demands are currently being met by the existing commercial operators. • Providing “backpacker vans” with stays up to 72 hours and accommodating with amenity such as toilets, showers and cooking facilities is the same service a commercial caravan park would provide. Council would be seen to compete unfairly with existing operators on cost and without the need to comply to Items 15 and 30 of the Caravan Park and Camp Grounds Act 1995. <p align="center">(Item 15 states that Local Government</p>		

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		<p>may operate a facility in its district without a license and Item 30 refers to the revocation of local laws where subsidiary legislation (a) made by a local government under any written law; or prepared or adopted by a local government under the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>, and that subsidiary legislation , or the manner in which it is administered, is in the opinion of the Governor unduly oppressive, repugnant or inconsistent with this Act the Governor may by notice published in the Gazette revoke that part of the subsidiary legislation that in the opinion of the Governor is unduly oppressive, repugnant to or inconsistent with this act.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a significant cost to maintaining and servicing a dump point. Are ratepayers of the CGG expected to pay for the free provision of this service? • Factual evidence from a recent decision to implement CMCA endorsed 'RV Friendly' in the Goldfields has seen a commercial caravan park operator experience decline of up to \$40,000 per month in revenue during its peak season. Another commercial caravan park in the same region has experienced a significant drop in revenue and is now considering closing his business. • In a recent report commissioned by the Shire of Esperance on the same subject it 		

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		<p>was noted that “Grey Explorers” as they are referred have the highest trip cost but the lowest spend per night of all target segments.</p> <p>The CIAWA report also responded to recommendations made in the 2014 Draft of “Making Geraldton RV Friendly”.</p> <p>The report supports the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Provision of a free public dump point and potable water supply near the CBD if this is done with full consultation of commercial providers in CGG. A CGG managed and operated dump point is not supported • Provision of designated RV only parking areas in and near the CBD • Signage on highway at City entry points promoting Geraldton as “<i>Regional Resource Hub for RVs</i>” • Provision of an RV Resource Guide/Package developed by the Visitor Centre • Provision of street signage to guide RVs through the City • Tourist Radio FM 88.0 upgrade and provision of a Geraldton Webcam • The installation of a dump point at Mullewa. (The information in the draft report was incorrect: Mullewa 		

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		<p>already has a public dump point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Bays at North and South entrances of City <p>The following recommendations are NOT supported</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of a short-stay (<72 hrs), low-cost or no-cost camping area for self-sufficient RV travellers 2. Provision of short-stay (<72hrs) low-cost or no-cost camping area for Backpacker vans, to discourage illegal parking in prohibited areas 3. Council permission to allow owners to stay in vehicles overnight at repair depots 		