

Application for Modification of DA 0325/2013

Our proposed modification is in RED.

Development:

Use of land as information and education facility, and ancillary provision of 199 camping and caravanning sites as a staged development in 2 stages.

Current Condition 10:

The proposal is for a total of 199 camping and caravanning sites only.

Proposed Modification: That the number of powered campsites be increased to 400 and unpowered campsites be added, up to 400.

This is the second stage of a Staged Development, with the initial stage having proven that the site is more than equipped to cater for that many attendees. We would like to double the number of powered sites available (infrastructure already in place and used at the Field Days) and add non-powered sites, as many caravans are now self-contained with solar power, toilets and showers.

We do not wish to apply to be a caravan park. All camping at AREC is ancillary to an event, such as a National Rally, AGM, information and education seminars. These events are not suited to public caravan parks and AREC offers the ideal location, particularly with the two large pavilions.

The majority of events at AREC will cater for less than 199 sites, however, we would like to be able to attract additional groups and events by increasing the number of potential sites. Events with this many participants brings a huge economic boost to the local economy, with many groups deliberately encouraging members to support local businesses, visit local attractions and involve other local community groups in their events, such as catering for meals.

We have interest for another Annual Caravan Rally, with 500-600 caravans (400 powered, remainder unpowered). Using the estimated visitation figures of \$657 per person for a multi-day event, an event with 500 caravans, with 2 people per site, this type of event would bring over \$500,000 to the local region.

Some notable events in previous years include National Historical Machinery Rally, Gem & Lapidary of NSW Gemboree, Ulysses RV Annual Meeting, Masterpiece Caravans Annual Meeting, Bike Muster, Cudgegong Jump Club ODE, Retreat Caravan Rally, Australian Facetors Guild, Australian Caravan Club National Muster.