



Minister for Housing and Public Works

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 2026-12 received by the House on 29 November 2012, tabled by Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP, Member for Bundamba regarding the sale of three government-owned caravan parks.

The former Minister for Housing and Public Works, Dr Bruce Flegg MP reached the difficult decision to sell the caravan parks to utilise the funds generated to contribute directly to the construction of new units of social housing. This decision was not made without due consideration of all possible consequences.

The caravan parks will be sold as going concerns and current residents will not be affected during this process. The former Minister stated that there would be an 18-month block on any change of usage following the sale, which will protect the tenure of the current residents. I support this 18-month restriction which will be in place for all residents.

Residents of the caravan parks have been encouraged to contact their local housing service centre to obtain information about applying for housing assistance, or for assistance to find alternative accommodation in the private rental market where appropriate.

To ensure residents are kept informed of the process, the Department of Housing and Public Works is planning to hold an information session at each site in early 2013. Details on these information sessions will be communicated with residents and site managers to encourage as many residents as possible to attend.

I trust this information addresses your enquiry. 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Mander".

Tim Mander MP
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