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Zoning Changes Secure Park's Future

A change to the zoning of the Dalkeith Caravan Park that had threatened its long term financial viability has been amended following a compromise brokered by Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo.

The changes were announced in 2008 in the Residential Parks and Caravan and Tourists Parks DPA. The DPA, in part, sort to secure the tenancies of residents in those parks which provided long term accommodation.

Mr Piccolo said that in their submissions to the DPA, the Town of Gawler recommended that the Dalkeith Caravan Park would be most appropriately zoned Caravan and Tourist Park while the Park owners Mr Robert & Mrs Rosalie Flett advised it should be zoned Residential.

Mr Piccolo said in seeking to reach a compromise, the DPA zoned the Caravan Park it residential but with significant restrictions.

“Both the Town of Gawler and the Flett's were critical of the DPA as it stood.” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo wrote to the Minister indicating that the DPA was unsatisfactory and asked how could it be amended. Mr Piccolo said from the Flett's perspective the DPA as it stood provided no surety for their future and they feel they are open to interpretation of a DPA that for them is confusing at best.

At the time the DPA was been considered by the Environment, Resources and Development Committee. Mr Piccolo made a submission to the Committee on behalf of Mr & Mrs Flett.

Mr Piccolo advised the Committee that during the process of preparing the DPA Council and the Fletts had divergent views on how the land should be treated under the proposed DPA.

Mr Piccolo informed the Committee that “In the end, the changes to the DPA satisfied no parties.”

“The final change to the DPA, while trying to reach a compromise position between the two, is unworkable in the long term.”

Mr Piccolo informed the Committee that Mr Flett and the Town of Gawler had come to an "in principled" position which met the needs of Mr Flett to be able to grow his business so that it is financially sustainable and the Council's concerns about unwarranted "urban" development. The Committee referred the submission for the Ministers consideration.

The agreed position was gazetted recently to the delight of Mr & Mrs Flett.