

Attachment 15.1C – Response from Caravan Park Management

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Sent: Monday, 13 October 2025 7:22 AM

To: Carina Macdonald <visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Merredin Peak 24hr Free Camping Site

Hi Carina

I strongly oppose this recommendation for the following reasons.

1. There is no such thing as a fully self -contained caravan/campervan. They are not able to hold all the grey water, and need to dump it somewhere. They have to use a dump point which we were happy to accommodate in our park. If this motion is carried, the shire must arrange its own dump point in the town.
2. The said vehicles need to fill all tanks with hundreds and hundreds of litres of water.....where do they do this?
3. Please let me know how many free campers have frequented your site. Our park needs to monitor and have records of all visitors at all times.
4. Furthermore, our park needs to comply with all health, insurance, on site-staff etc regulations. Please let me know the cost to ratepayers (us included) for your site to comply with these obligations, including fire extinguishers.
5. Our prices for powered sites and unpowered sites are very cheap compared to 99% of parks in WA.
6. The shire's proposal is be in direct and unfair competition with our business, which pays huge rates and taxes, and keeps the park in a pristine condition augmenting the reputation of the town.

Your consideration on the above is appreciated.

Yours

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From: Carina Macdonald <visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 10:06 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Merredin Peak 24hr Free Camping Site

Morning [REDACTED],

Hope you are well.

Just touching base to let you know the Shire of Merredin are looking to extend the 24hr free camping site at Merredin Peak to 48hr or 72hrs. When we initially implemented the free camp at Merredin Peak in October 2014 it was kept to a 24hr site initially as to not impact on the Tourist Park. Feedback we have had from visitors is that they would like to stay longer in Merredin but would not use the facilities offered at the Caravan Park as they are fully self-contained. Those visitors are then moving onto the next town. To keep them here in Merredin longer and spend money at our local businesses, we are therefore proposing to extend the free camping offered at Merredin Peak for a period of up to 72 hours. An agenda item will be going to council for the October meeting.

If you have any feedback or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

CARINA MACDONALD

COORDINATOR, CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE



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