Fact Sheet

Residential Caravan Accommodation

Caravan Accommodation - building works carried out

If your house is destroyed, is unfit for human habitation or building works are being carried out, you may stay in a caravan, motor home, or similar on your property for up to 180-days.



Planning approval is required to extend beyond 180-days.

Caravan Accommodation - building works not being carried out

You may still use a caravan, motor home, or similar as accommodation on your property. if you can meet the criteria listed below.

If you can comply with the criteria below you do not need to apply for an approval, but we will respond to and investigate complaints. If you are investigated and found to not meet one or more of the exemption criteria, you may be directed to stop using the caravan for accommodation purposes.

A caravan, motor home, or another vehicle capable of being registered for road use may be used. E.g. a bus that has been modified to meet the criteria.

Even though it may be movable, a donger or similar is not included as it cannot be registered as a vehicle or trailer for road use.

Exemption Criteria

1.	The caravan must be used in conjunction with a house on the same lot.
2.	Caravan must not be on the footpath or road.
3.	Only 1 caravan or motor home can be used.
4.	The lot size must be 601m ² or bigger.
5.	The caravan must not reduce the amenity of neighbouring premises.
6.	The premises, buildings, structures, vehicles, facilities or equipment must be in: o good working order o a good state of repair



	a clean and sanitary condition.
7.	Water for domestic purposes must be from an approved source.
8.	Water must be of an appropriate quality.
9.	An adequate and continuous supply of water must be available to all toilet, bathroom, kitchen, laundry and drinking water facilities.
10.	Hot water must be available to all bathroom, kitchen and laundry facilities.
11.	The drinking water must be potable.
12.	Adequate electricity must be provided.
13.	Waste containers must be big enough to accommodate all the caravan waste.
14.	Waste containers must be pest proof and able to be easily cleaned.
15.	Waste must be disposed of so that the surrounds are in a clean, tidy, sanitary and hygienic condition.
16.	All wastewater, including human waste, must be discharged to sewer or an onsite sewerage facility.
17.	There must be adequate space for each person occupying the caravan.

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