

Types and condition of movable dwellings that are compliant with policy and allowed in parks

This fact sheet explains the types and condition of movable or mobile dwellings that are compliant with policy and permitted in Crown land caravan parks. It includes clarifying the terms 'unregistrable', 'registrable' and 'registered' used in the 'Best Practice Management Guidelines for Committees of Management Managing Caravan and Camping Parks on Crown Land 2011' and the 'Policy Statement - Improving Equity of Access to Crown Land Caravan and Camping Parks 2011'.

Unregistrable movable dwellings (e.g. cabins)

An unregistrable movable or mobile dwelling is not eligible for registration under the *Road Safety Act 1986* (Road Safety Act). For example, although a cabin may be movable, it could never be roadworthy or meet standards for registration under the Road Safety Act. Therefore, cabins are unregistrable.

Unregistrable movable dwellings that are owned by individual permit holders can cause users to develop an inappropriate sense of entitlement to ongoing use or ownership of sites and reduce the availability of sites for others. Also, in an emergency such as a flood or fire, cabins can take longer to relocate than caravans.

Individual permit holders are not permitted to have cabins in Crown land caravan parks. The only cabins permitted are those owned by the Committee of Management (CoM) or by the lessee with the consent of the CoM. A park manager can be employed by a CoM or be the lessee.

Registrable movable dwellings (e.g. caravans, camper trailers and motor homes)

A registrable movable dwelling is a movable dwelling that is, has been, or could be registered under the Road Safety Act. Examples are caravans, camper trailers and motor homes.

It is possible for a registrable mobile dwelling to be unregistered i.e. not currently registered with VicRoads. This can occur when it is new and has never been registered, or if it has been registered in the past but the registration has expired.

The standard site holder agreement requires permit holders to:

- provide the park manager with evidence that the movable dwelling to be used on a 12-month permit site has been certified as registrable and roadworthy within the last five years; and
- maintain their movable dwelling according to the standard required by relevant regulations under the Road Safety Act or corresponding interstate law.

Sales of caravans on-site can only occur if the park manager agrees to the sale. If the park manager allows a caravan to be sold on-site, it must meet standards of registration (if it isn't currently registered), be movable and in an appropriate condition according to park rules before a sale and site reallocation to the new owner is allowed to occur.

Committees of Management and park managers can set extra rules

Committees of Management and park managers can set extra rules about the age, condition and additions allowed to caravans, provided they do not result in caravans being difficult and/or costly to remove at short notice. For example, when issuing a 12-month permit, a park manager has authority to only allow caravans that are less than 10 years old and can stipulate that canvas annexes must be removed while users are away. These extra rules can be included in the site holder agreement between the park manager and the site holder.

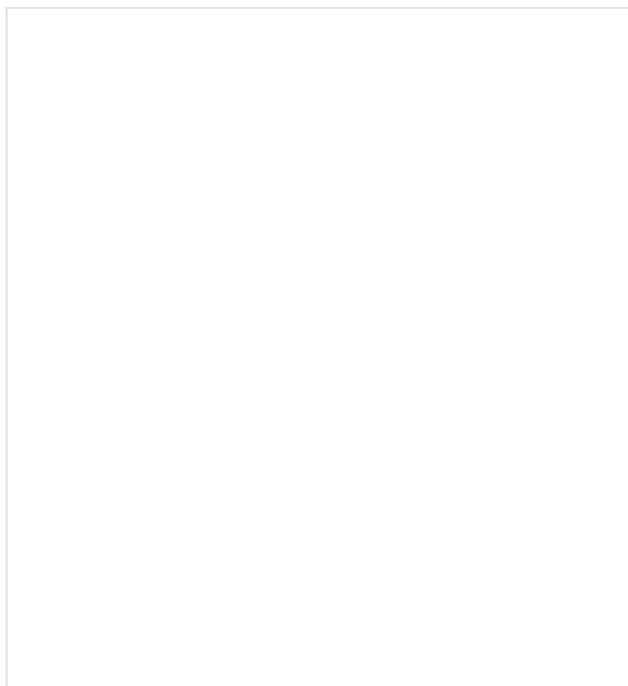
Registered movable dwellings (e.g. caravans, camper trailers and motor homes)

A registered movable dwelling such as a caravan, camper trailer or motor home is one that is currently registered by VicRoads under the Road Safety Act or corresponding interstate body and law. Movable dwellings must be roadworthy in order to be registered.

VicRoads

If you need to relocate an unregistered vehicle or caravan to prepare it for registration or take it from place to place on a one-off basis, VicRoads may issue an Unregistered Vehicle Permit.

For more information about roadworthy requirements, Unregistered Vehicle Permits and registration call VicRoads on 131171 or see <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/>.



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