

To whom this may concern,

I am an admin working for a Surveying company in Devonport and Jesus placed it on my heart to share with you some valuable information in regard to the housing strategy in Tasmania.

I have tried to get into the property market at times throughout my life and it has left me with feelings of no hope for the future, especially for a single mother.

I recently identified that purchasing a property is a lost cause for myself, as no bank will lend you the money, unless you can save a huge deposit.

The saving of a deposit, is unrealistic in today's modern world. WHY you may ask?

With rental properties, the real estate is not allowed to offer the property to anyone who fall under the minimal earnings bracket. The minimal earning bracket is based on the rent not exceeding 33% of your wage per fortnight.

Most women who are on Centrelink or have part time work, do not receive enough income to qualify for any property on the rental market. Please note that loan repayments are less than rental payments, but the bank will not loan you the money, as your income is far too low and with no deposit and no way to save for a deposit.

So, I decided to buy a motorhome and thank Jesus I was able to find one at a great price. Please keep in mind if you're going to buy a cheap motorhome, it is going to need work.

My first couple of weeks on the road, were waterfalls over my head, while sleeping. Yes, the motorhome has leaks and now I am becoming a quick learner on how to fix holes in the roof of a motorhome.

I am starting to love it, but I am noticing a big problem.

It can be hard to find a spot to pull up for the night, with most spots having a charge for the night.

Most spots are \$10 - \$20 overnight stay.

If you are just scraping by and wishing to save some money to get ahead and thought that motorhome living would be cheaper, think again.

There are very few Councils who are willing to offer free spots for the motorhome community.

I am glad to say that the East Devonport Council have supplied free hot water showers, but unfortunately no spots to stop overnight.

The caravan parks themselves can cost a fortune over a fortnight, as most will charge \$35-\$40 a night.

I am very happy to say that dump spots and water is free, please Jesus, I hope they keep it this way.

One of the saddest things I have noticed during my first month of living in the Motor home is the amount of people living in make shift tents, at free overnight stay areas.

Please note that people who do not have RV's, are not allowed to stay in these free spots, but they have nowhere else to go. Where do they go?

I would put out a suggestion, that Councils or State Governments create tiny home communities. The price would allow low-income earners to break into the market.

It would be lovely to see Councils offering low-income earners a loan, for the Councils prebuilt tiny homes communities. I did see this being done in the USA. The system the USA Councils created had the clients pay the tiny homes off over a two-year period. If the client did default on payments the Council would resume ownership of the tiny home for re-sale purposes.

I would love to see the Councils offering more free spots for motorhome users, as currently there are no free spots available in Devonport.

Kind regards

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