

Daily Availability Charge for Electricity

Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks will be introducing the Daily Availability Charge for electricity to Holiday Van Owners starting from 1st July 2015. (Outlined in Holiday Van Agreement Terms and Condition Edition 7/2016- Section A Part 2 Point 10 and Section C Fee Schedule.)

The National Energy Retail Law allows a Holiday Park to charge long term casual van owners both electricity consumption charge and daily supply charge (Service availability charge). In NSW the Residential Parks Act 1998, Fair Trading Customer Service Standards and the Long Term Casual Occupation Act 2002 there is no restriction to the amount of Daily Supply Charge which can be charged to long term casual van owners, who have separately metered sites, up to the current price of the local area retailers daily supply charges. In the case of the Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks our supplier is Energy Australia. The current Service Availability charge is 77c per day but this will change over time so the current rate will always be applied.

Although we have the ability to charge this daily rate for the full 365 days per year we would propose initially to charge it for 150 days of the year which is the maximum length of time for allowable visits to the Holiday Park by Van Owners. This charge is widely in use across the industry and in many instances Holiday Parks are charging for 365 days of the year. This charge would be applied quarterly at the same time that the electricity usage charges were calculated.

To explain the calculation per Holiday Van site:

- Total allowable charge is 365 days x \$0.77= \$281
- Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks will initially charge for 150 out of 365 days = 41% of total charge
- Fee payable by Holiday Vans per annum \$281 x 41%= \$115