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Hi all

Mostly this is a boring area & not much happening since we flicked off responsibility for caravan labels – but got an interesting call last week.

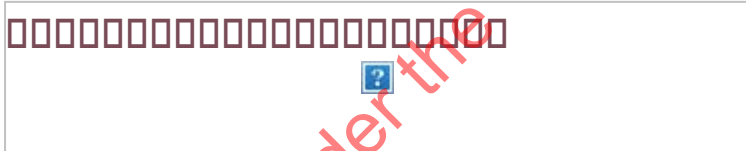
It seems Apollo Caravan Rentals [Redacted] keeps getting camping infringement tickets from councils and can't understand why as they have self-containment stickers on their rental caravans – so she gave me a call.

As it transpires – whoever in their company who is sticking on the labels (which label the vehicle as complying with NZS 5465) is NOT following the standard in at least one respect, the requirement to issue an inside-window sticker. This is the bit council camping enforcement officers will be looking for as proof of certification... or failing that, the detailed certification paper that is to be stored in the caravan (they aren't issuing these either –this is the bit that gives details about capacity & how many people the caravan is self-contained for). So there are hundreds of caravans driving around from this company that advertise adherence to a standard they don't adhere to, in at least some respects (they may or may not actually be self-contained to the standard, but I kinda doubt it).

It's interesting that a voluntary system still has a sting in its tail for non-compliance, as they are having to pay council camping tickets for failing to follow the standard properly... but this is only because the voluntary system is linked to something that does have a legal enforcement component.

Hmmm

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