

2009 Highlighted Issues

A report was published by TRD in 2009 highlighting the impacts of, in particular increased numbers of motor homes, on the environment and commercial interests of Tiree and its inhabitants. Findings from the 2009 report are summarized below:

Sewage, water and landfill waste:

- Limited facilities for the disposal of chemical toilet waste with chemical waste being disposed of in the public toilets in Scarinsh and throughout the dune systems.
- Greater numbers of small campervans with no chemical toilets increases the amount of human waste in dune systems due to the lack of toilet facilities
- increased demand in drier months on a limited supply causing water shortage, island wide.
- Seepage from the unregulated disposal of chemical toilet waste entering the water systems.
- poor public recycling facilities for non-household owners across the island resulting in private household bins being filled and recycling bins being misused.
- Increase in landfill will shorten the predicted lifespan of the current landfill site.

Business/Tourism:

- Loss of grazing due to off road driving and parking.
- Increase in water bills, as campervan/motor homeowners are using business water supplies.
- People who book holiday homes on the island are finding it harder to make vehicle reservations on the ferry as the use of campervan/motor homes increases.
- Lack of facilities for this group of users and the negativity they feel of not being welcome by being moved on will result in poor visitor experience with less return visits and poor publicity for the island.
- Tiree is known for its open space and stunning beaches. It has been commented on by visitors that the large presence of these units at the majority of the prime beauty spots and scattered along the dune ridges, is detracting from their visitor experience.