

We had booked in for three nights and it was freezing cold. Lots of vans were in the campground and all were hooked up the same way as us. **Due to this large number, the power supply could not cope and kept tripping.** This was very frustrating trying to keep warm. The caretaker and owner of the property seemed to be annoyed that we were all using too much power at once, therefore, he was having to reset the power regularly. One particular afternoon, they had to reset the power at least 11 times. We were very surprised that our microwave did not blow up since it wasn't getting the correct amount of power to it.

My husband noticed that the power out of the amenities block was 10A and this was going into the 15A of each caravan. When we first arrived, the farmer's wife, while collecting the cash, told me that they had power problems and had to restrict the amount of vans coming in. We were there three nights and a steady stream of vans arrived each afternoon and none were ever turned away.

We feel this is highly illegal and a very dangerous way to provide power to unsuspecting travellers. We would never stay in a place that offered power like this again. We are sure this farmstay is not the only place that does this.

I noticed on their Facebook page that everybody is very complimentary of the farmstay and how wonderful the amenities are, which is true and we would agree with that. But nobody has mentioned the power situation and we know there were a lot of caravanners who were not happy with the lack of power but perhaps they are too worried about expressing a complaint.

We feel this could potentially be very dangerous and, being a farmstay, it would attract families with small children.

We also do not wish to ruin any extra business these farms can generate by providing unique places to camp but do feel they should at least be seen to do the correct thing for their paying guests.

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POWER TRIP

We get your magazine regularly from our library and always enjoy the articles and photos. We have just been away on another short trip in our pop-top caravan and came across something that really concerned us. I have never written into a magazine before but thought we would let you know.

Our concern is about farms which offer **camping/caravan accommodation, in particular, powered sites and which do not have proper power outlets.** We booked into a farmstay in Queensland because they advertised powered sites. As it was winter, we definitely wanted to use our heater and electric blankets in our van. When we arrived, the power they provided was not proper power boxes like we expected but leads from the amenities block running across a road to hook up to each caravan, and gaffer-taped together. These leads were driven over many times by 4WDs.

We were very surprised to see this, as we had not come across this situation before. We hooked up but later decided we really should have driven away and chosen another place to stay.