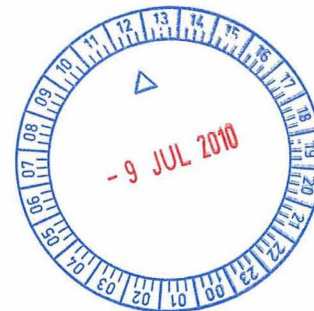


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Linda Omar
 Committee Clerk
 Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
 Legislative Council Parliament House
 Perth, Western Australia 6000.

1st of July 2010

RE: Shack Sites in Western Australia Submission by Stephen and Suzanne Graybrook lease holders for Shack G90 Grey shack community Western Australia.

Dear Committee Members,

My wife and I, currently hold the lease over shack number G90, within the shack community in Grey Western Australia.

My wife and I had been visiting her brother's shack, at the Grey shack community, for a period of six months, prior to purchasing the lease of shack G90, approximately 14 years ago. The shack community at Grey has always been an affordable and attractive holiday destination, for our family and friends who have stay with us. This has enhanced our children's lives and has also provided our children, friends and families with a true sense of a community and community awareness.

This shack community experience is unique and very rare in today's society and should be preserved for the future generations to experience and learn from. Our children have grown up to understand what it means to be part of a community of shack dwellers and as a result have learnt what special qualities are needed to pitch in for the success and well being of a community.

The low cost and affordability of the shack community should also be analysed and considered in any committee determination. Unfortunately holidaying in Western Australia is becoming more and more expensive every day and the traditional destinations, such as Rottnest Island and the south regions of Western Australia, have become out of reach for our family and friends who do not earn a high disposable wage.

The shack communities of both Grey and Wedge Island present an alternative option and our family utilizes the shack and we always endeavour to take our friends and family with us. Who have also experienced the affordability of a shack holiday. These first timers are always welcomed with open arms by other shack lease holders and their families. Our family and friends are amazed at the close interaction and support that exists within the Grey community and they return from the experience with a new found respect and admiration for the Grey area and the conservation initiatives have together and the respect the shack holders have for the Grey area.

In recent times my wife and I, together with our friends and family have become increasingly concerned about the eminent closure of the Grey and Wedge shack communities due to the expansion of the Indian Ocean Drive. We feel that the very nature of the shack's and its unique lifestyle and nature will be lost forever and our children's children will never experience the beauty of the area together with unique social character of these type of shack communities.

We also understand the concepts of progress however progress and sustainability can be and have been managed effectively. The Grey Conservation and Community Association have been very proactive in their representations and management of the Grey shack community. The shack community, past and present have been very responsive to all the requirements and initiatives presented by the Department of Environment and Conservation Land Management, which has contributed to the sustainable nature of the Grey area.

The Grey and Wedge communities would like to inform the committee that no way are these communities elitist and far from the fact, but are inclusive in bring many new people into the shack

communities weekly to experience the affordable holiday and it's unique social fabric of a shack community and the beauty of the area's. Our shack is made available to a wide network of family and friends on a regular basis. There are always new people offered the opportunity to visit, stay, relax and enjoy the unique experience.

If the parliament of this state decides that there is no place in society for the shack communities, then we believe that a significant error will have been made and a valuable social asset will be lost forever. We ask the committee to carefully consider all the options and opinions and we also ask that the committee to make a inform decision for the community as a whole. As we believe that there, is a place for the retainment of the Grey and Wedge shack community with a sustainable and managed framework.

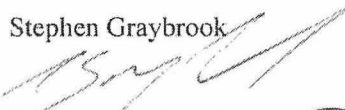

We are also aware that there other types of shack communities, which have been maintained and managed in a sustainable nature in the other states of Australia and New Zealand. We ask the committee to carefully examine the success and management practices adopted in these shack communities.

My wife and I would like to appear before the committee, if that is an option available to us, so we can explain the unique aspect of the Grey shack community to the committee members in person.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Graybrook

Suzanne Graybrook

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