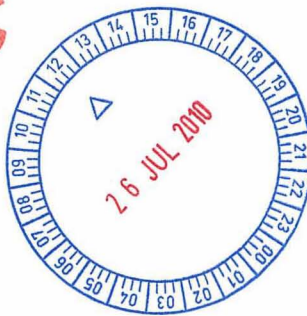**Shire of**
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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Committee
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Dear Linda,

INQUIRY INTO SHACK SITES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

I refer to your letter dated 29 June 2010 addressed to Shire President Cr Barbara Dunnet inviting written submissions on the above matter.

Council would like to make a brief submission based on a standing resolution it has in respect of 43 shacks/huts located adjoining the Donnelly River in this and the Manjimup shire districts. The required 8 copies of this submission are provided as well as an electronic copy.

Council resolved in July 2009 as follows:

"That Council advise the Minister for the Environment and the Lower Donnelly River Conservation Association that it has no objection to the 43 huts located on crown land near the mouth of the Donnelly River being legitimised by way of a long term lease through the Department of Environment and Conservation (say 21 years) and recommends the following conditions as part of that lease:

1. *All huts should comply with the Health Act 1911.*

2. *All huts should meet the requirements of the Building Code 2006.*

3. *Consideration be given to the development of a public access facility including toilets and a shelter as well as making available one or two of the huts for community/public use, with suitable management arrangements being put in place between the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Lower Donnelly River Conservation Association.*

4. *That the Department of Environment and Conservation be responsible for the administration of points 1, 2 and 3 above.*"

The intent of the above resolution is quite clear and Council would be pleased if it is taken into consideration when the committee deliberates on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

SHANE COLLIE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER