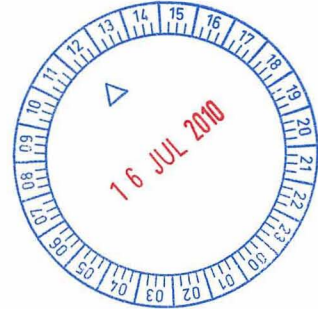


Ms Jan Selfe

The Hon. Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
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The Chairman,

**Inquiry into Shack Site in Western Australia**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

My family has shared a shack at Wedge Island for 30 years and have watched our children grow up in a wonderful environment, learning all aspects of living without 'material' things. They now have their own children and are teaching them the same values that has been taught by us as parents.

It is so important to keep this unique community alive and help keep the environment safe and pristine. We all enjoy the lifestyle of Wedge Island as a low cost holiday, not all persons want to spend weekends and holidays at Rottnest Island or down in our beautiful South West.

DEC need to put in place camping areas and educate those to take their rubbish away, put out camp fires and to respect the environment. DEC also need to be present more often for the influx of vehicles, licenced and unlicenced and in many cases causing very dangerous situations for those enjoying the beach and area. The dismantling of Shacks will cause wide spread damage.

My opinion is to grant long leases on shacks for our grand children to enjoy, create public areas, camping sites and the control of vehicles around Wedge Island.

This place for me has been the most amazing lifestyle and I have travelled extensively throughout the world, it has mended broken hearts and given people like myself a place to call 'home'.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Selfe  
14<sup>th</sup> July, 2010