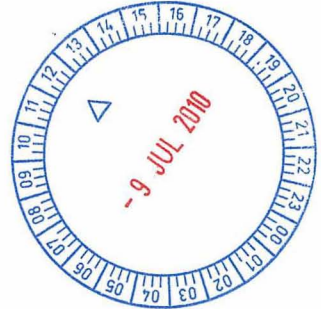


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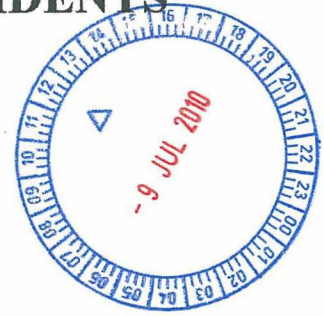
Dear Ms Omar

Please find enclosed our submission for the Enquiry into Shack Sites in
Western Australia.

Yours Faithfully

Nola Waters
President.

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Dear Ms. Omar

SUBMISSION-INQUIRY INTO SHACK SITES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On behalf of the Naval Base Holiday Park Residents' Association I am responding to the invitation of your Committee for submissions on its inquiry into Shack Sites in Western Australia.

Although it is unclear to us which 'shack sites' are under review we make this submission in case your inquiry extends to the metropolitan location which our members have a legal right to occupy as owners of holiday shacks.

The Naval Base Holiday Park is situated on Crown Land Reserve 24308 adjacent to Cockburn Sound at Henderson. There are 178 individually owned shacks and many of our members have a lifelong association with the Park having been visiting the site with their parents and in some cases their grandparents, for in excess of fifty years.

The Park Land is an 'A' Class Reserve vested in the City of Cockburn for recreational and camping use. It is our understanding that a change in this status and use of the Park would require the consent of the Parliament of Western Australia.

The Association is aware that for many years successive governments have considered the removal of illegal shacks at various coastal locations which were not set aside for residential occupation, whether holiday or permanent.

At various times this led to the formulation of policies to deal with 'squatters'. The Association does not accept that shack owners at Naval Base come within the definition of squatters as the Park is the subject of long standing lease s and the payment of annual rentals on each shack.

Clearly the illegal occupation of coastal Crown land by squatters can have detrimental effects such as environmental impacts and health and hygiene issues. However this does not apply at Naval Base.

The whole of the Naval Base Park area is developed so there is no remnant native vegetation or fragile sand dune system subject to erosion. The reserve area is either grassed or bituminized for an internal road system . The shack owners maintain the grassed areas of the park and assist the Coast Care Program each year by planting native species under the direction of the local co-ordinator.

The park contains two communal ablution blocks which are cleaned daily by the City of Cockburn.Both facilities are connected to a sewage disposal system. The Council also provides a waste disposal service three times a week adding extra services at Christmas and Easter. Each shack has access to reticulated water and power is sourced via individual solar panels.

Shack owners do not receive any financial advantage by being subsidized by local rate payers. The annual rental paid by each shack owner to the City of Cockburn for 2009/10 was \$1124.00. It is emphasized that our owners do not occupy this Crown land illegally but under authority of a long standing lease arrangement.

The association has been kept informed of proposals for a new Fremantle Outer Port through various planning stages and reports. We have been advised consistently by government planners that the continued use of the Park is not threatened by the ultimately chosen port option. Indeed it has been stated that the long term existence of the Park is widely acknowledged and all the planning for the port has taken this into account and is intended to accommodate its retention.

In view of the long history of the Naval Base Holiday Park and its unique contribution to the recreational pursuits of successive generations of Western Australians we suggest it would be fitting if this facility were not only

guaranteed continuity of operation in its present form but recognized by recommendation for heritage listing by your committee. This step has already been taken by the City of Cockburn who placed it on their Heritage Register some years ago.

Our association has a voluntary Committee who act as spokesperson for the residents and organize social activities for the children in the form of a fun during the Christmas period and the arrival of the Easter Bunny on Easter Morning.

Should your Committee be inclined to make any recommendations in relation to the Naval Base Holiday Park we would invite your members to inspect the sight as part of your inquiry investigations

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Waters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs Nola Waters
President

30th June 2010