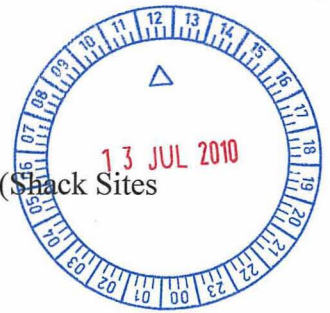


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The Hon. Brian Ellis M.L.C.
Chairman of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs (Shack Sites
in WA)

Dear Sir;

My wife and I are currently full time residents in Grey, a settlement subject to your current enquiry.

No doubt you and your committee are well aware of the history of Grey and its subsequent development into a community of approximately 130 shacks so I will not enter into that area.

I first came to Grey as a guest of a shack owner on a weekend fishing trip in 1975, and after numerous visits over several years my family became involved and we had many holidays here.

In 1981 we decided in company with my parents to build our own shack as we were spending more and more time at Grey. When my parents retired, they spent more time living here on a semi-permanent basis and gained great pleasure and contentment from the lifestyle.

Our children were raised in Grey over many years and came to respect the lifestyle and environment and formed many friendships which still exist. Currently our teenage grand-daughter spends most of her holidays here making her a fourth generation "shackie".

Over the years my wife and I have made many improvements to the area with the planting of over 100 trees which conform to the environment and area. Numerous other residents have done the same, making the area a haven for birds and other wildlife.

In 2002 my wife and I retired and moved to Grey permanently to live the lifestyle we both love and thrive on. We create our own electricity from sun and wind and are self sufficient with water from a bore and rainwater tanks. A vegetable garden and four fowls help supplement our requirements, as well as fishing.

When I took up permanent residence I took it upon myself to clean up and consolidate the local rubbish tip and with assistance from locals as required it is now well maintained and a large amount of recyclable material is stacked awaiting collection from a scrap metal dealer when the new road is opened.

Household rubbish is placed separately in a hole and is burnt from time to time. When required the burnt material is placed in landfill covered with sand and trees planted on it so there is complete rehabilitation of the site.

Another project I instigated was the consolidation of one of the beachfronts in the community which was in danger of eroding and causing a communication problem with the North and South portions of the community. Posts were erected with a large mooring rope joining them and designated walkways created thus preventing people and vehicles from crossing the fragile dunes. Dinghies previously left on the dunes

were moved to an area of rocky outcrop not affected by weather conditions so they did not cause a scalloping effect on the dunes.

Finally over 150 local coastal shrubs and grasses were planted to consolidate the sand and help prevent erosion. This appears to have been successful and the dunes are now well covered and appear to be stable. Again, local people have given their time and community spirit in assisting with this project.

My point in bringing up these two particular projects is to give you an indication that this community willingly is involved in taking care of the environment.

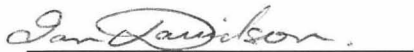
Ever since I first came to Grey there has been a threat of eviction hanging over our heads, however all have continued to live our current lifestyle making improvements to buildings and surrounds as required.

With a security of tenure I am quite confident the community will comply with laid down requirements and move towards a unique community capable of self regulation and control at a minimal cost to regulatory authorities.

In conclusion I submit that the evolution and current standing of the community is something that will probably never occur again and should be preserved as part of our state's and indeed country's heritage.

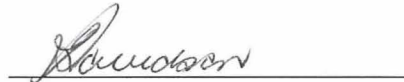
I hope this submission meets with the approval of yourself and your committee,

Your Sincerely,



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