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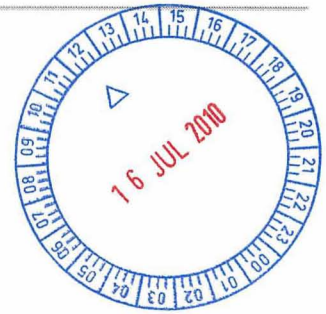
Subject: Inquiry into shack sites

Hon Brian Ellis MLC – Chairman

Linda Omar – Committee Clerk

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Legislative Council - Parliament House - Perth WA 6000



Dear Brian, Linda and committee members:

Inquiry into shack sites in WA

Further to our expressions of concern by telephone and email we herein reaffirm opposition to the illegal occupation of squatter's shacks at Wedge & Grey. You are doubtless aware of the growing concern in regard to this matter from every aspect of our regional community including the office of Shire of Dandaragan.

We have sited the items of concern submitted to you by the Shire of Dandaragan, The Cervantes Chamber of Commerce and the Turquoise Coast Tourism Association and wish to make known our unequivocal support for all points raised.

Further to this careful consideration must be given to the reasons as to why these shacks came into existence balanced against the stated explanations as to why they should be accorded privileged and unprecedented permission to remain. We respectfully submit finding no valid argument supporting the continued existence of these dilapidated and unsightly huts. This aspect becomes of increased significance with the imminent opening of the Indian Ocean Drive section from Lancelin to Cervantes.

Ratepayers in the Shire of Dandaragan have additional concerns in regard to the inevitable and potentially substantial increase in rates should the Shire suddenly be saddled with unsought financial responsibility, administration and management of these regions. We therefore submit that for the overarching benefit of the wider community these illegal dwellings should be removed from crown land.

Yours truly,

Tony Lambert

President: Turquoise Coast Tourism Association
Director: Australia's Coral Coast Tourism Association.