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Dear Committee

I am responding to the committees invitation to contribute to the 'Inquiry into Shack Sites in Western Australia.' I am currently serving only my second year as a committee member of the Grey Conservation and Community Association, and it is only my third year as a part shack owner.

After meeting many of the community members of Grey I would consider myself and my situation as quite typical in the settlement. We share our shack lease with my sisters family and my parents. A great many of the one hundred shacks at Grey are not just used by one or two people but a large percentage are offering several families and family friends a low cost family holiday destination. In my opinion this is the foremost reason why the government should develop a policy that would lead to the existing shacks being given long term tenure.

The new and improved Grey Community could include camping sites and shacks that could be rented out to the public either via ballot system or appointed caretaker. We already have existing recycling and waste management in place. We are currently self sufficient in our water and power and have proven that we are environmentally sustainable with little impact on the site. We have rallied our community on various conservation activities such as dune rehabilitation and coast line protection. We have been "custodians" of this land for more than fifty years.

With the National Trust assessing us, as worthy of heritage listing with our community continuity, lifestyle and unique vernacular architecture. Our community can offer a truly Australian tourism attraction with no need for roads electricity or main water supplies we can co-exist with Lancelin, Cervantes and Jurien by offering a different type of holiday.

This government can follow the lead of the other states by changing existing policy and offering long term tenure to the shack communities and provide Western Australia with the option of low-cost environmentally sustainable family accommodation with a uniquely Australian shack holiday.

Sincerely yours,

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