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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Omar

I wish to make a brief submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs inquiry into Shack Sites in Western Australia.

I have recently purchased a shack (G61) at Grey for a modest sum, after enjoying time at Grey with a friend who has been a shack owner for some years. Obviously, this purchase was made with the intention of enjoying the unique environment and experience of Grey for as long as possible. I am particularly keen that my young grandchildren may be able to take advantage of the shack and be part of what is one of the last of these quintessential Western Australian communities.

The Grey community is conscious of ensuring the environment surrounding the shacks is preserved. All shack owners and users ensure appropriate disposal of waste and engage in regular community 'busy bees' to keep the environment pristine. Recently, thousands of tree saplings, secured through a government grant, have been planted on a sand hill to avoid movement of the hill and encroachment on shacks.

While my purchase of the shack was made in the full knowledge of the possibility that the shack sites at Grey may be removed, I would implore the State Government to consider allowing the sites to remain.

The shack owners and users at Grey comprise a community committed to working together to retain a particular way of life and holiday experience that is becoming increasingly rare in Australia. I firmly believe this is worth preserving and, as an owner, I am completely prepared to abide by regulations and guidelines imposed by the State Government to help ensure its legacy for future generations.

Yours sincerely

Brian Cant