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Committee Clerk
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Dear Committee

I am responding to the committee's invitation to contribute to the "Inquiry into Shack Sites in Western Australia.

A friend of ours is a part owner of one of the shacks at Grey and on occasion has invited my family for short stays. We are quite a large family made up of my wife and I and 5 kids. We really enjoyed our time at Grey and the kids had never experienced the serenity and solitude the shacks have to offer.

No TV, no phones no computers and no takeout food. Just good wholesome living and fun! The families at Grey were very friendly and a mutual respect is afforded to tenants and visitors alike. The kids made new friends and enjoyed pastimes they had never before experienced. They learnt all about dune conservation and rehabilitation and the causes and consequences of erosion and manmade structures.

The family just had so much fun and it was all free and easy. I learnt things about my friends and my own family I never knew and really have a great time when we all get together. It is so beautiful and I think it should remain intact and as much the same as it is for not only us but for all WA residents to at least have the chance to enjoy and revel in the fun we had.

We often chat about and even enter into debates about the shacks and their future. We feel very strongly about their demise and can only wonder why anyone would ruin something so special. Sure we could go to plenty of other locations and camp or stay in a hotel, but these holiday times are just so expensive and still don't have the character that Grey has to offer.

I'm a proud Aussie and all my kids are born and bred here in WA, I'd like to keep them interested in our environment and to be able to take them to the shack in future so we can keep doing the fun things and healthy things that all West Australians should be able to do.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Naylor. (And family)