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Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Committee  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Committee

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

We own a shack at Grey and have been going up there on regular holidays with our family for the past 5 years.

As a family, by family I mean extended family, Grandparents, Great Grandparents down to the youngest babies, in-laws and friends of those. We have travelled overseas to places like Bali and Japan and also more locally to Rottnest, Broom, Margaret River on family holidays, but our children still think that our holidays at Grey are "heaps more fun".

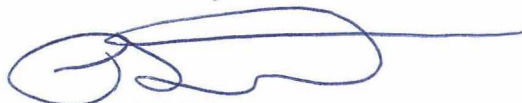
Grey is a place where families can get back to basics. No telephone, no TV or play station. What Grey has can not be replaced. It is a piece of Australian history. If Grey is taken away it is taking away a great Australian icon and way of life that can never be replaced.

Due to being at the shack we have learnt and our children know the importance of conservation of water, electricity, heating cooling, rubbish, plants and environmental maintenance, as none of these services are provided.

I would love for Grey to still be there in 50 years so our children can take their children and so on, and show them the simple life of camping in a shack with the whole family is something special.

If by changing existing policies and allowing permanent shack communities in Western Australia with the option of low-cost environmentally sustainable family accommodation with a uniquely Australian shack holiday.

Yours sincerely

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