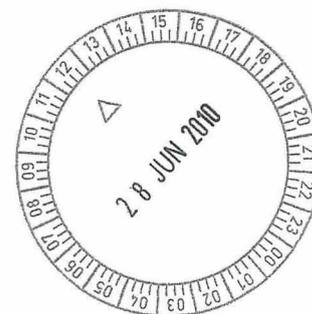


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Linda Omar  
Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Linda

RE: Submission to the Committee

The committee and ultimately the government should recognise the importance of the shack communities for the historic and cultural values that they represent. In short, they are iconic.

There have been shacks in this state for over 50 years, some even going on to become towns when the need to establish more permanent communities arose.

Because of the nature of the shack it is unlikely that any would meet the criteria required for buildings in a town, more like coming under the heading of "lawful non conforming user rights".

All shacks are built from second hand materials and with the help of family and friends to create a place where everybody can gather and enjoy the lifestyle that has been created virtually from nothing.

My wife and I live in Grey full time, we have a total of 38 family members, all at some time during the year travel to Grey and spend time with us.

Minister Faragher said on TV that shacks here in Grey are, "unsightly and a mess". She wasn't totally accurate in her assessment, some shacks need work.

The problem has been that people are reluctant to carry out refurbishment because of the usually short length of the leases.

If tenure was to be granted for a longer term, people would then be encouraged to carry out the required refurbishment.

I refer the committee to the model for shack retention as compiled by the Tasmanian Government. A copy is in my possession should the committee wish to peruse it.

The residents, both permanent and casual, spend a considerable amount of money in goods and services in both Cervantes and Jurien thereby contributing to the economy in these towns.

Many people accuse us to be of the elitist and of living here free. Both of these accusations are false.

I have lived here for 9 years (yes I live here permanently) and have never heard of anyone being refused admittance. As for living for free, we supply our own power, wind generators and solar panels, are responsible for our own garbage disposal, water supply etc. For this privilege we pay over \$900 per year on lease fees.

My wife and I are both in our late 70's and wish to spend our days living in Grey.

I have always had a high regard for the politician who once said and I quote, "To hell with them, give them 21 years and forget about them."

It is understood that if we are to stay here it will be necessary to make changes.

If the committee deemed necessary for me to attend the hearing, I am willing to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H N Quinn", written in a cursive style.

H N Quinn