



## MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER

Our Ref: 42-12837

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Dear Mr Marr

*Peter*

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your Association's *Community Settlement Model - Wedge Island* report, dated February 2012 during my visit to Wedge.

I would like to again thank you and the other representatives from the Wedge community for the time and effort given in showing me around the Wedge settlement. The information and hospitality provided were most appreciated. The visit has certainly given me a good understanding of the shack lifestyle and the work undertaken by the Association.

As you are aware the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is undertaking work that will underpin the provision of advice to the Government on options for future public recreation and tourism at Wedge and Grey. In this regard I am advised that mapping of information from government databases has been partially completed, and that DEC has been liaising with Wedge and Grey community representatives regarding the next work phase which is likely to involve gathering information on groundwater quality and examination of water supply issues. I understand that DEC is seeking your active involvement in this work.

DEC is planning to conclude the compilation of all of the required technical information by late this year so that the required options for public recreation and tourism, and the interrelated issue of shack use, can be put before the Government in early 2013. I am sure that your Community Settlement Model report will be a valuable input into the framing of options for the Government's consideration.

As you are aware, I have decided to extend the shack leases at Wedge and Grey for a further 12 months from the current expiry date of 30 June 2012 until 30 June 2013 while thorough consideration is given to the suitability and possible incorporation of upgraded shacks in the future provision of public facilities at the site.

I am advised that DEC will be scheduling a working group meeting with your Association in the near future and I have asked that the Community Settlement Model report be listed for discussion. You may wish to avail yourself of the opportunity to brief DEC on the detail of the report at that time.

Once again, thank you for providing a copy of the above submission and for the hospitality shown to me during my recent visit to Wedge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Marmion". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**HON BILL MARMION MLA  
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER**

01 MAR 2012