

Points of Difference

Issue	Remarks	DPaW's position	Associations' position
Cultural tourism	Cultural tourism is an emerging international tourist market which could see Wedge and Grey become essential tourism stops on the longer journey along the Coral Coast. A new breed of tourists is seeking authentic experiences, will tolerate discomfort, seeks simple accommodation and involvement in a rustic way of life.	Shows no appreciation of the value of cultural tourism and prefers instead to focus only on traditional camping and caravanning. Tourism use is primarily nature-based.	Understands the value of cultural tourism to the region and is opening up shacks for accommodation to tourists to enable a shack settlement experience. Cultural tourists generate greater economic returns.
Coastal processes and setbacks	State coastal planning policies have established setbacks in order to protect new development from coastal processes and rising sea levels. Wedge and Grey are coastal nodes which do not need to comply with these setbacks provided structures are not permanently occupied and are used for short-term accommodation.	Incorrectly insists on immediate removal of shacks which do not comply with coastal setbacks.	Has a logical and managed retreat program which enables shacks to be relocated when the threat from coastal processes is imminent.
Economic	In excess of \$500,000 is raised annually from shack rentals.	Will substantially reduce income by removing the majority of shacks. No plan for economic sustainability.	Retains income stream through shack retention.
Shack non-compliance	Many existing shacks do not comply with current building and health regulations.	Uses this as a reason to seek demolition of shacks.	Will upgrade existing shacks to become compliant and fit for purpose, including installation of self-contained waste treatment systems.
Infrastructure	Wedge and Grey are remote coastal locations with no connection to services such as water, power, sewage.	Wishes to establish a centralised potable water supply which will prove to be extremely costly.	Retains the 'user-supply' approach to all infrastructure.
Public use of sites	A key principle for Wedge and Grey is that both sites are accessible to the public.	Believes that the shack settlements hinder public access.	Have developed a plan for the shacks to be available for public use and overall use of the sites is sustained.
Heritage value	The National Trust commissioned an independent report which concluded that Wedge and Grey have aesthetic, historic and social significance at a State-level. Heritage experts recommend retention of these settlements in their entirety.	Rejects the findings that the shacks are an integral part of the heritage value of each site.	Accepts the findings of heritage value and has drawn up plans to preserve the shacks.
Planning process	Government directed options be considered in consultation with shack leaseholders	DPaW excludes WIPA & GCCA from meaningful stakeholder deliberations	Proposes an independent Planning Project Manager be appointed