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## MEDIA RELEASE

### WEDGE AND GREY SUPPORTERS SEEK COMMITMENT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES TO INFORM VOTING IN KEY ELECTORATES

**Thousands of voters interested in where all political parties stand on long-running WA issue**

Representatives of the shack communities at Wedge and Grey have asked political parties and candidates in the WA election to sign up to 5 commitments for 'Preserving Wedge and Grey for WA.'

The responses will be used to inform voters across Perth northern suburbs electorates as to what their vote will mean for the future of two communities that have the potential to be unique heritage destinations and make a real economic contribution to the region and WA via the tourism industry.

The commitments being sought by the Wedge Island Protection Association and the Grey Conservation and Community Association are:

***Commitment 1 - Support the long-term evolution of Wedge and Grey settlements as unique tourist and recreation destinations that maintain and utilise the heritage character of existing shacks and cultural lifestyle.***

***Commitment 2 - Appoint an independent Planning Project Manager to deliver a collaborative process to finalise master plans for implementation by 2020.***

***Commitment 3 - Support formal listing of Wedge and Grey settlements on the State Register of heritage places.***

***Commitment 4 - Retain the majority of the existing shack dwellings.***

***Commitment 5 - Deliver existing shack owners universal lease tenure of 21 years with a 21 year renewal option.***

Wedge and Grey representative Murray Knowles said that the Associations were deeply unhappy with the processes allowed by the Barnett Government and believed the commitments would deliver a better, more sustainable outcome for this long-running issue.

Mr Knowles said that the two Associations were keeping their supporters actively informed via [facebook.com/preservingwedgeandgreyforwa](https://www.facebook.com/preservingwedgeandgreyforwa) about the views of each political party and their candidates, particularly in key electorates like Moore, Burns Beach, Joondalup, Wanneroo and North Metropolitan Region.

"We have a supporter base of at least 15,000 people, mostly in the northern suburbs, and they want to know which politicians can see a sustainable future for Wedge and Grey, and which ones are stuck in bureaucratic processes that have taken us nowhere", said Mr Knowles.

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