

Additional Information

While only a recent resident of Denham I have come to appreciate what a wonderful environment to live in. Many people have told me how vibrant the town used to be and that there were many things happening in the community. It is unfortunate that nowadays more seems to be done to accommodate tourists needs than residents needs. The loss of long term rentals from Denham seems to be putting pressure not only on businesses to function but at the community level where voluntary services are undermanned while Shire services are overwhelmed by visitors. One of the contributors to this has been the proliferation of short term holiday rentals that take up rentable property, inflate property prices and disrupt residential areas. Even though the Council and Shire are well aware of this disruption they seem to have chosen to ignore the collapsing of the community. This is certainly one area that I would seek to influence.

I believe my wide experience and knowledge would benefit the residents of the Shark Bay Shire. I am an introvert which means I am a listener not a talker; a thinker who seeks to analyse, understand and plan rather than come up with an instant solution. I believe that community values, safety and social interactions need to be considered first before anything else. While I appreciate tourism is the cash cow for Shark Bay there also needs to be a viable and vibrant community to support such an industry. Without the community Shark Bay just becomes a camp ground.