

**Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Senate Select Committee
Agriculture and Related Industries
Parliament House
Canberra ACT Australia**

Good morning – please accept this email and attachments as a formal submission to both Inquiries.

I would like to see a hearing (or hearings) of both Inquiry Committees conducted in Albany, Western Australia to allow relevant parties to give evidence in the matter.

In my opinion, the Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into *‘Agribusiness Managed Investment Schemes’* and the Senate Select Committee Inquiry into *‘Food Production in Australia’* (along with any current or future ASIC investigation) should be deferred to a Royal Commission under the auspices of the Governor-General of Australia. This would circumvent the duplication and waste of resources associated with any potential witch-hunt, where the government (local, state and federal) and business can best be described as *‘stupid-is-as-stupid-does’*.

Some of the other more interesting discussion papers (with implications for various industry / community portfolios) surrounding our work include :

- ❖ [Peak Oil Gas & Nuclear Power](#) – everybody’s growing concern
- ❖ [Manypeaks Transitional Governance](#) – a challenge for the State of Western Australia
- ❖ [Anzac 2014-18 – a National Celebration Strategy](#) – there is a role for each Australian state / various cities
- ❖ [Albany International Airport](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany Industrial Seaport Relocation Plan](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany’s UNESCO World Heritage Nomination – Convict Colonial Settlement](#) – international tourism
- ❖ [Planning Instruments of Western Australia](#) – the bottom line of WAPC activities

- ❖ [Global Warming & Sea Level Change](#) – profound implications for insurance & property development.

You may care to examine the [Rainbow 2000© Project Major Statements File](#) as a holistic review of the past decade focussing on Albany, but with overtones for regional, state, national and international development.

I have attached a letter from the Hon. Gary Gray AO MP – Minister for Regional Development and Northern Australia for your consideration.

Please call if you would care to discuss the Rainbow 2000© Project – there is a standing offer to brief political parties, government and industry groups – and our recent submission to [Infrastructure Australia](#) is a relatively succinct explanation of project evolution (and governance failure – both public and private).

Yours faithfully
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