

My family and I moved to Shell Cove approximately 9 years ago. We love the area and have happily looked forward to the building of the marina. We understand the need for change, however, we are worried about the increased strain more housing and visitors will place on already struggling infrastructure, particularly education, health and roads.

Our local public school is overcrowded and demountables have been needed to meet the growing student population. The other two local public schools are at or over capacity. One of the reasons we moved to the Shellharbour area was the security of having quality health care nearby. Unfortunately that has not been the case with my youngest son having to be treated in the waiting room of Shellharbour hospital because one of only two children beds had an adult in it. On other visits patients have been lined up in the corridors waiting for treatment. We know people who drive their children to Wollongong hospital because Shellharbour hospital is already struggling to cope.

Parking in Shell Cove can be problematic at the best of times. Are the developers going to address the increased demand for parking these changes will require? The roads are narrow and can be hard to navigate due to people parking.

We moved to Shell Cove with an understanding that the marina was coming and accept that the developers need to make a profit. We are very disappointed by the proposed changes and feel they will significantly change the promised lifestyle. At the moment Shell Cove has the potential to maintain a welcoming coastal vibe, however if these changes occur it will feel like Wollongong, overcrowded, overshadowed and with no parking for visitors.