

I would like to take this opportunity to protest against the changes planned for the Marina Precinct. As a resident of Shell Cove Estate, I find it highly disturbing that this is even being considered by council so late in the plan. We were sold on the promise of a world class harbour that took into account the stunning natural surrounds, that was created for both the local residents and tourists alike. It was marketed as the ideal family community and therefore was highly enticing for those of us looking for a coastal escape. The predicted tourist trade was a huge bonus and one we were aware of. The renderings and displays shown at the sales centre were stunning and there was a definite buzz within the community. We were excited to be a part of it all and it looked like a world class facility that embraced the coastal surrounds. What has now been thrown at us at the last minute feels like we have been sold a complete fraud. It feels like a very deliberate action of being misled. The increase in heights will overshadow the precinct and be completely jarring with the environment. We did not chose to build in a high rise central business district, it is a residential area.

Currently we are dealing with traffic conjestion on a daily basis. The width of our street at the moment is inadequate and it is dangerous at the best of times. Cars are parking on both sides of the road and it makes it impossible for two cars to pass at the same time. I dread to think how this will deteriorate if this is allowed to go ahead. The idea of the number of dwellings been raised a further 25% is incomprehensible as this will put the drivers at further danger, not to mention pedestrians.

There is not enough public schooling within the area, with the one primary school already quite large and the total lack of a High School. Once again, to increase the residential lots by a further 25% than what was originally proposed and have no proposal for how to manage this influx seems completely irresponsible.

I understand that the council would like to make the largest profit possible, but it is putting money ahead of what is best for the local community. Those of us that have bought into the area to create our dream lifestyle and experience the beauty of what the harbour was to be, have been sold a massive lie. I urge you to put your constituents first, not the developers that have no concern for those of us left behind.