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Labor Member for Shellharbour

Fighting for a Fair Go!

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The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

5 October 2017

Dear Minister,

I write to you on this occasion to communicate the concerns of a group of Shell Cove residents that recently approached my office. The concept plans for the Shell Cove Marina development (within the Shellharbour electorate) are currently in the process of being altered. In essence, the plans for the site have been modified to include additional storeys on a number of buildings in the precinct and an overall increase of 25 per cent to the total number of dwellings on site.

Shellharbour City Council and Frasers Property Australia recently lodged an application with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment regarding modifications to the *Concept Plan* for *The Waterfront*: the land surrounding the boat harbour. It was lodged on 9 August 2017 and will be on public exhibition until Friday 20 October 2017.

The residents that approached my office are most concerned with the following modifications:

- An increase to the height of the hotel site from 9 storeys to 11 storeys and increases to some apartment buildings from 4 storeys to a range from 4 to 6 storeys;
- Review of housing density and typology, and the introduction of a residential component to the site's hotel;
- An increase of the number of dwellings within The Waterfront precinct from 1,238 (in 2011 plans) to 1,556 in the current plan (an increase of 318 dwellings).

These residents maintain the proposed modifications were developed without community consultation, and that impacted residents have not been given appropriate notice or warning of these changes. This group is also concerned these changes will disrupt property views, lead to overcrowding through increased housing density and compromise on the lifestyle of the community (as infrastructure is unlikely to be expanded alongside these potential population increases).

I'd like to invite you to Join me in visiting the residents of the Shell Cove Marina development, to discuss their concerns and this site's application with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment at a date and time convenient to you.

Please contact my office to advise of any suitable dates.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours sincerely,

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