



# Basin Villages Forum

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General Manager  
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Dear Mr Pigg

**RE:** Owen Street, Huskisson, Car Park, Draft LEP No. LP 401

The Committee of the Basin Villages Forum does not support the conversion of the title for the blocks Lot 1 DP 7196, Lot 23 DP 7196 and Lot B DP 348180, from "community" to "operational".

We fundamentally believe that it is important to the community to have publicly owned and maintained car parks as this one is. It has been paid for by Section 94 developer contributions and should remain a public facility. Our experience at the Sanctuary Point shopping centre where the car park is owned by the individual shop owners is a disaster that our community lives with on a daily basis. We do not want a repeat of this situation in a popular holiday village that we all visit frequently.

Further, we do not support the intent to sell this land to a developer. The proposal states that "The council intends to dispose of the land to achieve its planning objectives for the area". DCP 54 amendment 4 as adopted does not represent the views of the majority of the community or staff recommendations. Why would we support the sale of this land for something we don't want?

Once this land is sold it is gone from the community for ever. Shoalhaven City Council's most recent proposal in 2007 (\$900,000 plus "traffic controls and carparks we already have) for the sale of this land seems to be an absolute bargain price and does not meet our expectation of the value of this land based on the sale of the neighbouring land, the prime location of these blocks and its current use as an open air carpark. We believe the current proposal favours a developer and not the community and this is a community owned asset.

Shoalhaven City Council has advertised this reclassification with the intent to sell the land for development that the majority of the community don't want. This is a very valuable public asset and it should not be squandered at the first opportunity and when the market is in a depressed state. We *do not believe* that it is in the community's best interest to change the title of this land at this time.

Yours faithfully

President, Basin Villages Forum