

From: noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au on behalf of Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment
<noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 December 2020 11:53 AM
To: DPE PSVC Illawarra Mailbox
Subject: Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 - Submission
Attachments: submission-photos-15-12-2020.pdf

Submitted on Wed, 16/12/2020 - 10:54

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ian

Last name

Avery

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

iwa@iinet.net.au

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kiama Heights 2533

Submission file

[submission-photos-15-12-2020.pdf](#)

Submission

Preservation of Open Space for Community Use

Kiama Heights 2533.

Although the Regional Plan 2041 is a comprehensive overview of objectives for the region I wish to draw attention to the needs of the residents at Kiama Heights.

Open space for recreational use on the headland is limited and mostly the available designated open space is around the edge of the headland. Such space is not safe or suitable for children to play.

However there is a significant area of open space, above the Kiama to Bomaderry railway line tunnel which travels under the Kiama Heights headland. Originally it was an easement used by the Railway for their overhead signal and telephone wires. The easement was not fenced and could be accessed and was used by the community for same activities it is still used for today. It was originally controlled by the Railways, but since the Railways routed their signal and telephone wires through the tunnel the Railways have relinquished their control and it has now passed over to State Government care.

This open space has been utilised by the community as a thoroughfare to gain access to the local beach, Easts Beach, and as an area for children to safely play ball games and the like and to walk and exercise, for over the past 40 years since I have resided here. It is the only area available that does not require having to drive to for access to a playing area. It is also the only area on the estate that has significant established native trees. See submission photos.

Up until the 2011 LEP for the Kiama Municipality this area was zoned Open Space Recreational. The State Government made it a condition of approving the new LEP that the land be re-zoned residential. After much community protest this request was withdrawn and the zoning was left - "to be determined".

Kiama Heights has experienced a sharp increase in population and density. The open space is used daily and most of the residents do not realise that this land is not permanently zoned as Open Space / Recreational.

It is vital that any plan preserve and if possible increase the space that is available for open space activities by the community in Kiama Heights.
This submission seeks confirmation of such an objective.

How did you hear about this?

The Kiama Bugle newsletter for locals by locals

I agree to the above statement

Yes