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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Dear Sirs,

I would like to write in response to the DA request by North Harbour Marina. for extensive changes and increased use of the waterways.

North Harbour is a quiet and small and narrow water way. It is used extensively by families, small water craft, swimmers, children, dingies, kayaks and SUPs.

1. The extension of the existing wharfs will extend into the current water way impeding public access by the everyday use of this space. In addition the size of the craft proposed is not in keeping with the space available or the nature of the bay.

The removal of at least 10 local swing moorings to allow access by these oversized boats will disadvantage the local boating community who currently use these extremely limited moorings - to the benefit of just two owners.

The noise from the generators required to run and operate these large craft will be disruptive to the local community and the noise from the guests arriving and departing the craft will also be disruptive. Noise travels very easily over water.

The bow thrusters from the boats will disrupt the marine environment, and sea grass in the area

This is an area teeming with wildlife - marine, birds, animals. There are turtles, dolphins, stingrays and fairy penguins, an abundance of fish, and at Fairlight - a marine reserve - there are weedy sea dragons

2. cafe. This has been described as a "hole in the wall kiosk". Then goes on to describe seating for 20 and an alcohol licence. This is a very much more than a casual, small cafe. The noise and extra traffic generated from an establishment of this size will stretch the already minimal parking available, and again generate noise in the area for the neighbours

3. Parking: it is mentioned that north harbour marina would like two designated parking spaces for their sole use. There are currently only 5 parking spaces at the base of Gourlay av and they are used to capacity most of the time - even very early in the morning. Two designated spaces limit the parking for general use . This a very selfish suggestion and is not at all community minded.

4. Dingy storage at the marina will not alleviate the current situation in the area as the storage will need to be paid for

I would like to strongly object to the size of this development that is wholly inappropriate for the area.

