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**RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093**

I write to object to the proposed development of the marina at North Harbour (DA 2024/1216-Balgowlah, NSW, 2093).

My concerns are as follows:

#### Environmental impacts

The creation of a channel for larger boats will have a negative impact on the delicate and already pressured natural marine environment of North Harbour.

In particular, I note the disturbance to and damage to the sea grass which is an important habitat for numerous marine animals. It provides food and protection of species such as penguins, fish, turtles, birds, and seals, all of which have been seen by locals and visitors. The impact will be twofold - first, during dredging, then, once the channel is established and maintained, there will be changes in water movement created by the channel and by increased large boat activity. The natural marine environment will suffer.

#### Parking and Access - Safety

Parking near the marina is already oversubscribed and vehicle movement is difficult, especially on weekends and public holidays. The development will increase risk to the public, especially pedestrians.

An extension to the marina, including a kiosk, will increase pressure on this infrastructure. Deliveries to the site are already difficult, and expanded activity will require increased deliveries by large vehicles, thereby creating further hazards for pedestrians and cars which already share the access road.

#### Amenity

Development and expansion of the marina will detract from the experience of the majority of people who visit North Harbour for activities such as swimming, bush walking, kayaking, bird and animal spotting, and socialising.

Locals, such as myself and my family, enjoy the natural beauty and peacefulness of North Harbour. People from other areas of Sydney and beyond also visit to enjoy the same experience. Most visitors to the area are not there to experience boating activities and will gain no benefit from an expansion of the marina. With extra pressure on parking, expanded activity at the marina, increased noise, and degradation of the natural environment, they will, however, have less access and reduced pleasure.

I would also like to add that I am dismayed to read a number of out-of-area submissions in support of the DA which lack any substantial argument or evidence.

The objections, however, are wide ranging and largely from concerned locals who use the area, furthermore, a multitude are supported with references.

Given all of the considerations, I request that DA 2024/1216 be rejected.

Yours sincerely  
Gabrielle McKinnon  
19 March 2025