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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Dear Mr Duncan

I am writing to strongly object to two elements of this application.

1. Large vessels

The application proposes that the marina accommodate vessels of up to 32 meters and 25 meters on the two marina arms. Vessels of this size are grossly out of character for the small cove, which combines a quiet residential area with peaceful walking paths and water access for swimmers, kayakers, recreational fishing and small leisure boats.

- Such large vessels would create visual bulk that would dominate and severely adversely affect the character, amenity and heritage of the cove.

- Such large vessels create significant noise from engines, generators, commercial activities, staff and from the high density of very large numbers of passengers. The type and level of such noises are all out of character with the quiet residential area and cove and would negatively impact residents and visitors.

- Such large vessels would negatively impact the pristine natural environment. The large engines and generators would pollute the air. The powerful propulsion would stir up sand and silt, affecting aquatic life. The bright lighting from such multi-storey vessels would destroy the night time character of the cove.

- These effects would have an enormous negative impact on the natural and community character. The scale of the vessels and the associated activities would dominate the cove, causing a highly negative impact on residents and deterring existing users.

I would have no objection to this element of the proposal if the maximum allowable vessel size was maintained at 12 meters plus a small number (4 or 5) 14 meter berths.

2. Kiosk

The application proposes the establishment of a cafe. The Statement of Environmental Effects, describes this as a 'hole in the wall' kiosk, which will serve "only light refreshments".

I would have no objection to this element of the application if appropriate restrictions were imposed to limit the hours of operation, patron numbers, activities and prohibit sale and consumption of alcohol. These are appropriate restrictions for a quiet residential area and should be in line with expectations for a 'hole in the wall' kiosk.