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Subject: DA2024/1216 – Submission of Support

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed upgrades to North Harbour Marina (DA2024/1216). The amendments made to the application demonstrate a thoughtful and balanced approach that considers local stakeholder feedback and environmental concerns.

The revised proposal introduces several benefits, including:

- The removal of 10 swing moorings and the creation of a 50m-wide safe navigation channel, significantly improving water safety and access, particularly for small and passive watercraft such as kayaks, dinghies, and stand-up paddleboards.
- The reconfiguration of the marina to accommodate 9 additional berths without extending further into the bay, ensuring minimal environmental impact.
- The introduction of new dinghy and kayak storage racks to replace the existing slipway, which no longer meets modern environmental standards.
- A restriction on berth lengths to a maximum of 15m, addressing concerns about vessel sizes.
- The implementation of controlled kiosk operating hours (7 am – 4 pm), a 20-patron limit, and a no-alcohol policy to preserve the character of the area.

These upgrades will enhance the usability, safety, and sustainability of the marina while maintaining harmony with the local environment. The additional conditions put forth in consultation with NSW Fisheries further reinforce the project's commitment to ecological responsibility.

I encourage the Council to approve this development application, as it represents a positive step forward for North Harbour Marina and the broader community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, please confirm receipt of this submission of support.

Best regards,

Matthew Barakat

