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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

I am writing to you as a long-term resident of King avenue, where I have lived for over 20 years. During this time, I have frequently sailed in North Harbour and observed the boating activities in and around North Harbour. It has come to my attention that there is a new proposal to alter the mooring arrangements within the bay.

While it is noted that this proposal aims to reduce the number of moorings, I am concerned about the accompanying plan to allow for larger boats than those currently present in North Harbour. Based on my observations, the existing conditions already pose challenges for boaters, and the introduction of larger vessels could exacerbate these difficulties.

Navigating large craft in the confined spaces of the bay will require a high level of skill to avoid damaging the boats that are currently moored. The increase in both length and beam could lead to more frequent incidents, especially under adverse weather conditions or heavy traffic periods.

Therefore, I urge the consideration of maintaining the current practice concerning the length of boats permitted to moor in the bay. Preserving consistency in boat size will help ensure the safety and manageability of North Harbour waters.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Regards,

Philip Huon