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

I would like to express my strong objections to the Development Application by Davis Marina to extend its marina facilities to accommodate large vessels and a café.

Davis Marina sits within a small natural harbour with several small beaches, a swimming enclosure at Forty Baskets beach, North Harbour reserve, the beautiful Dobroyd Head, part of Sydney Harbour National Park and the equally beautiful Fairlight foreshore. The waters team with bird and sealife, and are a popular recreation area for swimmers, kayakers, paddleboarders, dinghy and yacht sailors and fishers, many of whom are young children. The foreshores, including the small beaches between Davis Marina and North Harbour sailing club and the small beaches on the northern Fairlight shore are popular from dawn until dusk with dog walkers, beach goers and picnickers.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, at weekends, and even more so on public holidays, the small car park at the end of Gourlay Avenue is very often over-flowing onto Gourlay Avenue and surrounding streets, such is the popularity of the area with locals and with those from further afield.

It is a quiet, peaceful, friendly and welcoming family-focused area. An area that is incompatible with the introduction of large vessels with multi-storey scale, their commercial crews, large passenger numbers and the inherent navigation hazards these vessels represent. And an area that is incompatible with a licensed premises that would put further strain on the car park, would conflict with the tranquillity of the area and with its recreational users.

In addition and specifically:

1. Objection to the removal of swing moorings. North Harbour is a hugely over-subscribed mooring area. Removal of swing mooring in favour of fewer marina berths would be directly contrary to the interests of the majority of current and future mooring licence holders.
2. Objection to the berthing of vessels between 15m and 30m. Vessels of this scale have a fuel capacity of between 2,000l and 15,000l. They can, and do have accidents, including fire <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-10-24/luxury-yacht-catches-fire-off-whitsunday-island/101570678>. If a vessel of this scale moored at the T end of a pontoon were to catch fire, it would almost certainly burn through its mooring lines and begin drifting around North Harbour. The only access for fire crews to attend such a potentially devastating scenario is the narrow winding shared walkway/road from Gourlay Ave carpark down to Davis Marina.
3. Objection to the licensed café proposal. This is completely incompatible with the amenity of North Harbour. There is manifestly inadequate parking, inadequate and antiquated toilet facilities with no access for disabled patrons at David Marina. The turning circle is used by pedestrians, walkers, boaters, beachgoers, families all wishing to access the public spaces of North Harbour. The additional load that would be imposed on this space would bring chaos

and risks to all.