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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

I am writing to strongly object to many of the elements of this application.

Noise - First and foremost if one accepts as proven that noise travels further over water, then the number of properties impacted by the proposed DA is very significant. The DA will create considerable additional noise by virtue of the size and number of large vessels operating in the future in the small cove and any additional public entertainment amenities including cafes and / or premises with liquor licences will draw considerable new noise. Stand near Delwood Beach and listen to the noise from the Manly 16ft Skiff Club on a busy night and the noise impact of this proposed DA for North Harbour Reserve is blatantly apparent.

Large vessels - I feel there needs to be full disclosure by all applicants. Vessels of this size are completely out of character for the small cove which is currently mainly used for swimmers, kayakers, fishing and small leisure boats. These large "super yachts" could cause noise from both engines (generators), people and commercial activities.

To create the navigation channel needed for the larger vessels would mean the loss of 10 affordable swing moorings. These moorings are very scarce as it is. It would also create a danger for other users of the waterway, while enjoying the peaceful outdoor marine area having the larger vessels navigating in and out of the bay.

Kiosk - allowing a liquor licence at this venue would create yet more noise pollution which would carry across the water and surrounds. While I don't object to a café, I do have concerns with longer trading hours and a liquor licence. In addition, it would cause major parking issues, especially on a weekend. A café like the new Manly Boatshed with restricted hours and no liquor licence is the most that should be granted for this DA

Please reconsider this DA