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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

My family oppose the Development Application because it will change the environment of this quiet water and the surrounding suburbs of Fairlight and Balgowlah.

This is not Manly and purely commercially driven development should not be permitted to make this quiet water corner of Sydney Harbour, busier, noisier and less safe. We have seen whales and calves within 50m of the marina at least 3 times in recent years. They always swam amongst the swing moored boats and delighted us with a breach when off Forty Baskets pool on one of those occasions.

A super channel for large boat traffic is entirely out of keeping with the small boat recreational fishing, kayaking, paddling, beginner paddle and sail board kids and adults. People regularly swim the water amongst the moorings and across front Fairlight (north side) to Forty Baskets (south side). It is quiet water with almost no boat made waves for those paddle boarders, fishers and paddlers.

A 7am cafe will just disturb local people on weekends. We sleep with the sound of ropes ringing against the masts of moored yachts. The sound will carry across the very narrow water to disturb residents. A commercial development should not be prioritised over the right of local people to enjoy the quiet water environment. If a cafe is to be approved, a condition should be that there be no outside or terrace service before 8:30 am on weekends and public holidays.

I repeat- please do not assess this application as if it were for the waterfront of Rosebay, The Spit or Manly. Jillings Cove (as I think it is called) is a rare Sydney Harbour quiet section of water for families which environment is fundamental to the amenity of Fairlight and Balgowlah and those from all areas who come for the quiet water amenity.