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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development of North Harbour Marina.

It is increasingly clear that this development is not in the public interest. The following issues are a concern:

Safety:

Children learn to sail in small dinghies just at the mouth of the bay. Kayakers and SUP paddlers enjoy the tranquility of the area.

Widening the channel by 50m and having 50ft vessels sail in and out of the bay will put these small boat users at risk. By having swing moorings in the bay, larger boats are actually prevented from sailing at speed. I reject the argument that having a wide channel will improve safety for small boat users.

Environmental concerns:

North Harbour and specifically the Marina area is a special ecosystem. Huge schools of Australian Salmon, Tailor and Mullet frequent the bay and attract marine mammals and birds. Large boats sailing in and out of the bay will affect these schools adversely. Large boat traffic and development of the sea bed will impact the growth of seagrasses and affect penguins, squid and other marine life. Disrupting this ecosystem through development and large boats could put this entire ecosystem at risk.

I request that the public interest on this matter is put ahead of the financial interest of a select few. North Harbour needs to be preserved in its beautiful and currently tranquil state for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew McCabe