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RE: DA2020/0514 - 1 B Bolingbroke Parade FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the proposal lodged by Manly Boatshed DA 2020/0514.

I fully support the proposed alterations and additions to the Manly Boatshed facility. I have read the SEE as well as the reports and find that the comments from some of the letters of objection are unfortunate. All too often, people will take a very subjective view that is ill-informed and while we all need to express our views, the attacks on such an important and historical sector, and in this case, a business that has been in the same family for over 70 years, is disappointing. There are too many selfish people in Sydney and certainly too many people who have little idea of the supply chain and interfaces that exist in the maritime sector or the fact that governments rely on the private sector to invest and manage land-water interfaces.

One of the objectors raised the concern that submissions are coming from those in areas that will not be affected by the proposal. This is incorrect. These facilities go much further than meeting the needs of the local population. Facilities like Manly Boatshed are essential to provide much needed facilities to the boating public, walkers, and visitors alike. The value that is added to properties by having such beautiful public interfaces nearby is immeasurable, and all too often overlooked.

The removal of the slipway to make way for passive recreational craft storage and launching area has a positive environmental outcome. The retention of workshops maintains the working harbour principles.

The inclusion of a Kiosk is a most welcome addition. The proposal clearly outlines how the kiosk will function, including the hours of operation and the types of food and beverage on offer. There is fear mongering by some of the objectors raising concerns that it is to be more than what is proposed.

As a boater, I appreciate the addition of water-accessible facilities, such as toilets and refreshments, as well as the ability to 'stretch your legs' in a beautiful park of Sydney. Having walked from the Spit to Manly on several occasions, I appreciate that the proposal meets the need to provide a rest stop for this activity. There would be no increase in parking with either of the above activities.

The Treharne Family are an iconic part of the local boating history who as noted above, have continued to provide working harbour facilities for many decades and whose wish is to continue to do so to benefit not only their small business that employs people who in many cases are likely to be locals, but something that they can provide a public benefit for as they manage land on behalf of the government.

This well considered proposal should be approved.