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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

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22nd October 2024

For The Attention Of: Maxwell Duncan, Northern Beaches Council
Development Proposal: DA2024/1216

Dear Maxwell,

We are writing to you as members of the North Harbour Sailing Club about the proposed development of North Harbour Marina - DA2024/1216. Our particular concern is the option to provide moorings for two super yachts on the end of each pier. We are also concerned with the failure to appropriately consider the impact of the super yachts and licensed cafe in the traffic impact analysis within the proposal.

We have a number of concerns with regards to this proposal, which are detailed below:

North Harbour has the longest waitlist of any bay in NSW for private mooring licences so a reduction of moorings for the boating public contradicts NSW Government boat storage initiatives. The proposal includes the removal of 10 commercial moorings and moving of 4 private moorings in a bay that is already full. These moorings are public assets intended for the benefit of the public. The reallocation of this precious harbour resource from being of utility to the local population to instead providing a narrow commercial benefit for the marina and the owners of the super yachts is completely inappropriate and not equitable to the community.

North Harbour is an extremely popular bay for kayak, SUP, sailing, swimming and dinghy users. There appears to be no consideration for the requirement for large super yacht vessels to manoeuvre quickly to avoid potential incidents with passive craft and dinghies.

North Harbour Marina is the only marina in Sydney Harbour that is directly exposed to the ocean and is subject to gales from the East - South East and predominant East Coast Lows.

Vessels of 32m and 25m will provide a huge risk to existing vessels due to the proposed channel not taking into account existing vessels swinging from gusty SE to SW winds.

Larger vessels create bigger wash which can lead to foreshore erosion. The report lacks any exploration of the resulting 'prop-wash' and bow and stern thrusters from super yachts and their impact on seagrass and other marine life species at the head of the bay.

Super yachts of that size are capable of carrying and entertaining up to 100 people. They are designed for entertaining and pleasure so will inevitably have a large noise impact in a small and quiet bay. Noise from the large volume of people likely to access the boats is going to be considerable.

The proposal does not address the large volume of people and parking impacts from super yacht charters and the licensed Kiosk. These will inevitably increase visitor numbers and these impacts are not addressed in the traffic impact report. For example, it will exacerbate the parking problem for the surrounding community, there will be increased traffic along a narrow one-way road and there is limited space for traffic to turn around.

Yours sincerely,

David and Andrea Turner