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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

18 November 2024

Subject: Objection to Development Application DA2024/1216 - North Harbour Marina (Davis Marina)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the development proposal DA2024/1216 concerning changes to Davis Marina. My objections are based on significant concerns regarding the lack of proper notification to local residents and the potential adverse impacts on our community and environment.

Firstly, the notification process for this application has been severely lacking. Many residents, including myself, were unaware of the proposed changes until recently, preventing us from voicing our concerns earlier. This lack of communication undermines the principle of community involvement in local development decisions.

The proposed development is likely to have a negative impact on the local foreshore environment. The introduction of large vessels, including super-yachts measuring up to 32 meters, would exacerbate issues of erosion caused by wash from these vessels. Additionally, increased marine traffic will lead to more rubbish and debris in our waters, further degrading the natural environment.

The aquatic and marine ecology in the area is vital for maintaining a balanced ecosystem. The calm and tranquil conditions currently present are essential for breeding and feeding grounds. The proposed changes threaten these habitats, including seagrass beds and sandy sea floors, which are crucial for local marine life.

Furthermore, the visual impact of super-yachts and their associated infrastructure will detract from the scenic views that local residents cherish. The bulk and size of these vessels will disrupt the tranquil bay atmosphere that has been cultivated over decades.

The introduction of super-yachts also raises concerns related to increased lighting, noise and exhaust pollution. The need for onshore electricity and operating equipment will disturb the peaceful environment that residents currently enjoy. Additionally, commercial charter groups

and kiosk customers will contribute to noise levels that are not in keeping with the character of our community.

Parking is another pressing issue. The area designated for mariners is already inadequate to meet the needs of current users, and the influx of customers associated with the kiosk and charter groups will only exacerbate this problem, leading to congestion and frustration among residents.

Moreover, the proposal represents an over-investment in a confined maritime area. Existing marinas in Sydney Harbour have available berthing infrastructure that would be more suitable for accommodating such large vessels. Redirecting investment to these established locations would mitigate the risks associated with overdevelopment in our community.

In conclusion, the proposed development at Davis Marina poses significant threats to the environment, the local community, and the unique character of our village atmosphere. I urge the planning committee to reconsider this application and prioritise the preservation of our local foreshore and the quiet enjoyment of all residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Owen