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12 February 2021

The General Manager Northern Beaches Council Village Park, 1 Park Street Mona Vale NSW 2103

**Attention: Gareth David** 

Dear Sir.

RE: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA (DA2020/1587)
51a BEACONSFIELD STREET, NEWPORT
CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMP, PONTOON AND STABLISING PILES

With regard to the response to the previous submission we make the following comments:

- The intent of clause D15.14, minimum frontage for waterfront development, is to only
  permit waterfront development to sites that are situated on the waterfront. The dwelling of
  51a Beaconsfield Street sits over 50m away from the waterfront with the dwelling of 51
  Beaconsfield Street located in front. It would defeat the purpose of this control to be
  considering 51a Beaconsfield Street a waterfront development.
- The applicant suggests that application is not for a jetty but for a ramp and pontoon to launch small watercraft that are stored on the land. However, the proposed "ramp and pontoon" is of a similar size, dimension and structural capacity of the existing jetties for 51 and 61 Beaconsfield Street which are capable of storing vessels. The applicant states that no vessels will be permanently berthed on this pontoon and, as such, should any consent be granted for this application we request that a condition be placed on the consent to prohibit the permanent berthing of vessels (including small watercraft) on this pontoon.
- Furthermore, the applicant suggests that the pontoon is for launching small craft which is stored on the land. Why would you need a pontoon of this size, with substantial handrails and stabilising piles, to launch small dinghy's or kayaks/canoes?
- There are existing steps, which were built in 2003 by the owners of 57 Beaconsfield Street, providing for safe access to the water from this location. This is discussed in the submission lodged by Judyth Boyle. These steps have been used to access the water and to launch small watercraft that is stored on the foreshore. There is no reasonable need for a new "pontoon" that is not intended to berth a large vessel. The two piles to support the pontoon suggest that larger vessels would be able to be berthed here.



 It is unclear what information was provided to the RMS by the applicant as the letter references "Development application for proposed repositioning of the pontoon into deep water by extending the ramp on two poles at 51A Beaconsfield St,"

It is unclear because there was no existing structure to be extended or repositioned? This application is for the construction of a ramp, pontoon and stabilising piles. Not the repositioning of an existing pontoon?

We restate our previous position that the opinion of the Transport for NSW officer is related to the navigation of the public in the bay and clearly not to the safe berthing navigation to the existing pontoon of #61.

It remains my client's submission that the proposed jetty should be refused for the reasons outlined in these submissions.

Yours sincerely

William Fleming

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