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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Submission to DA 2024/1216

I would like to strongly object to North Harbours Marinas (NHM) DA application due to the impact this development will have on the natural and built environment, the social and economic impact it will have on the local area and because it is not in the public's best interest.

I have lived in Gourlay Avenue for over 20 years. During this time I have watched as various upgrades and changes have been made to the bay, beaches, parks, walking trails and facilities. For the most part, these have been sensitive alterations to a small area of peace, tranquility and natural beauty that is rare in a city and will be spoiled by this DA.

I'm not a sailor so some of the technicalities associated with the marina and berthing of boats are lost on me but I am able recognise that housing superyachts is not in keeping with the size of the bay and it's surrounds. So too is a large increase (+27) in the number of moorings. Superyachts and more boats means an increase in people, vehicles and noise that is at odds with the quiet beauty of the bay and foreshore - something that is appreciated by both residents and visitors. The area is already crowded enough. Please don't ruin it. Kids play in the water around here, people kayak and use SUPs, dogs swim, people enjoy the foreshore and trails. These valued activities will be negatively impacted by the proposal.

There was note in the DA of a channel to improve safety - I am out and about daily and have never witnessed or heard of any accidents in my two decades of living here. Improving safety seems a cover story for doing something else . Also going to add here that (having just completed some modest renovations myself) a proposed cost of 250K for this development seems like a massive underestimate - no way.

Street parking on Gourlay Avenue is already unavailable almost all the time. The car park at the end of this street is small and usually full (always full on weekends). Where will all the extra cars go? This isn't Clontarf, we don't have multiple large car parks. There isn't the infrastructure to deal with what's being proposed. The road at the end of Gourlay Ave is shared with walkers, kids on bikes etc. More traffic is a bad idea.

We can't keep developing and expanding everything -eventually the small peaceful pockets that are left, like this bay, will all be gone.