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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Our family has lived in the area of North Harbour for the past 35 years. During that time the natural beauty of the immediate foreshore & waterways, their suitability, availability & multi-use amenity for the whole community & all age groups (eg for swimming, picnicing, kayaking, bushwalking, enjoying nature & wildlife) has been slowly eroded by the continuous approval of incremental development applications especially involving the yachting community. This has occurred without the effective development & implementation of a 'whole-of-government-&-community' management plan for the area.

Analysis of historical aerial photographs of the increase in moorings, marina areas, permanent storage of dinghies & other craft along the foreshore, & ongoing; objective environmental monitoring by agencies, individuals, park rangers & council workers will verify the detrimental outcome of this approach.

We object to this DA as it reflects the over-development & permanent use of the area by a specific group of yacht owners & associated commercial interests at the expense of other, wider community interests.

This DA is objected to on the grounds that the impact of - increasing the commercial sale of alcohol, increasing the total number of commercially-managed permanent mooring sites & introducing 2 over-sized sites in the immediate vicinity of the adjoining foreshore parkland & family recreational waterway areas will benefit the few at the expense of the many. Resulting increased noise & visual pollution (there are already an extremely large number of yachts in the area) across the bay & increased access developments on land in the medium term as a consequence of approval of this (& similar DA applications), will result in the deterioration of the natural park environment. This does not appear to have been taken into account by the official assessments of this DA.

The associated nautical surveys appear to note that the shallow water draught in the area makes survey draught assessment unwarranted for this DA. So how will the proposed, large-sized mooring development be accommodated without affecting the environment? Thank you for your consideration.