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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

North Harbour is already over-run with yachts & dinghies (the latter on the foreshores) to the detriment of other users of the bush & natural waterways such as canoeists, paddlers, rowers & walkers. The business model for marina owners is to incrementally increase development of the marina & berthing places, based purely on profit. It's not coincidental that yacht owners want to moor where there aren't many other yachts & then sail to areas where there aren't many other yachts. The demand for North Harbour moorings will always exceed supply & the natural beauty of the area has been gradually eroded over the 30 years I have lived in the area - to the detriment of the sea scouts & other young users of the water ways. It is time for Council & other relevant authorities to implement credible planning controls which will preserve the natural beauty of the area for future users. Once parks, waterways & green spaces are replaced by parking lots, super yachts & development creep they are typically lost to future generations. It has taken effort to preserve this area, why throw it away now to short-term profit?