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RE: DA2020/0514 - 1 B Bolingbroke Parade FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

Application Number: DA2020/0514

Description: Alterations and additions to Manly Boat shed (Marina)

I strongly support the proposed redevelopment of Manly Boatshed.

As a yacht owner and passionate sailor I know of the importance of modern, up to date and accessible shore facilities. Being one of the worlds most beautiful boating destinations, Sydney Harbour is desperately missing shore access for yachts. Frequently, private marinas do not allow their pontoons to be used by vessels unless you are a paying member. This for example is the case for Davies Marina in the same bay as Manly Boatshed. Manly Boatshed is already welcoming to the public through its participation in the Boating Destination marina program. But its facilities are currently outdated and difficult to access so the renovations are a most welcome proposal.

Furthermore, Many Boatshed is a traditional Sydney maritime family business. Hugh Treharne is an Australian sailing legend and his son Robbie is very much keeping the tradition alive by managing the Manly Boatshed in a friendly and organised manner. The current building and infrastructure however is incapable of providing adequate access and service facilities for yachts. Without the permission to update its facilities Manly Boatshed is at risk of falling behind in the increasingly competitive boating industry.

The plans as per the DA2020/0514 are a welcome proposal to revive this heritage Sydney boating destination. With the proposed spaces for social interactions for sailors and the easy access to Manly along the beautiful foreshore walk, I believe this renovation will add to the lively maritime culture of Manly and Sydney Harbour. I do not see the risk this will create a noisy environment for the neighbourhood as the yachting fraternity predominantly consists of professionals who are considerate enough to acknowledge the possible impact of social gatherings. Therefore, while I would hope the new space will encourage a more lively social culture around the Many Boatshed community, with all proposed social spaces facing the water away from residences, the possible impact on the neighbours is manageable. In contrary I would see it as positive change to the neighbourhood and possible uplift of property value should the current desolate, outdated boatshed turn into a modern, desirable boating destination.

I very much hope this application will be favourably considered by the council for a speedy approval.

Kind Regards,
Christian Bindel