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**RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093**

To the Assessing Officer,

RE: North Harbour Marina (Davis Marina) DA2024/1216

I was recently informed of the amended development application for the above matter. I am not a resident of Northern Beaches and reside in Western Australia. We are a family who would not normally provide a submission to such a matter but due to developing a real love for this specific area (Davis Marina) feel strongly about informing the assessing officer of many reasons to object to this development application. I personally have extensive boating and fishing experience all over Australia. I have a background in health and safety and strong interest in marine conservation. I have holidayed regularly at the Northern Beaches over the last 10years, specifically Balgowlah and the Davis Marina for the following reasons.

- Abundant Marine Life and Wildlife for nature loving children.
- Safe haven for water sports and kayaking for young children / elderly.
- Elite sports fishing and admiring the preservation of world class fishing grounds.
- Tranquillity and peacefulness within exceptionally well-preserved environment
- Safe access to Manly / Balgowlah and surrounds by small boat or kayak.

We note that despite the applicant reducing the requested boat size to 15m the application still includes a request to implement a 50m channel and question the desire to have such a request if it were not required. There must be concerns the developer intends to alter the usage of the Davis Marina in the future?

Removing any swing moorings would greatly disadvantage local boat owners and users of these moorings. The safety of large superyachts navigating around the moorings must be questioned. As an experienced boat handler, navigation of small craft already poses its share of difficulty in the confined area, not only from other boats but also swimmers, paddlers, SUP's, kayakers and fisherman. The potential for accident would be significant and as a parent I wouldn't support my child utilising a small craft / kayak in proximity to the channel. Future holidays and tourism to the area would be disadvantaged.

Any dredging of a channel would damage the seagrass bed and fish breeding grounds in the area. The Davis Marina area holds exceptional sustainable sports fishing which has been a draw card for our family given the species, size and health they present. Any environmental changes to ecosystems and the like would disrupt the habitat and sustainability of this world class precinct. My family and I encourage you to research and preserve these fishing grounds as a matter of priority.

Having kayaked on the water at night the ability for noise to travel a long distance and be heard should also be researched and measured. The tranquillity and peacefulness for surrounding residents, on water users, boat users and the like will be disrupted due to the

noise carrying capacity of the water with the current proposal.

We object to the current amendments and hope this insight from a non-resident may assist your reasoning for objection of the DA as well.

Kind Regards,

Ryan Hopkinson (and Felicity Hopkinson, Archer Hopkinson, Ayla Hopkinson)