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

Reference DA2020/0514 for Manly Boat Shed, Bolingbroke Parade.

I wish to convey my support for this proposal. As a resident near the Boat Shed and who lives adjacent to the walkway it is my view that this is a proposal that should be approved on many levels.

The Boat Shed has been providing access and egress to the harbour waters for more than half a century. Sydney is famous for its southerly busters but there are no other facilities from Quarantine Beach inside North Head until you enter Middle Harbour that offer the safe access and egress to kayakers, paddleboarders, boaties and safety and emergency responders to the standard proposed in the referenced DA.

The DA outlines an update to the design and use of the facility which if approved is a benefit to us locals and the waterways compared to power tools and paints in a working slipway. The access to a Cafe will be of benefit and social comfort to a range of older residents who will be able to enjoy the amenity without having to drive or walk up the steep hills to Fairlight, Balgowlah or Seaforth.

Providing a base for kayaking and paddleboarding also recognises that the population is embracing this form of exercise and enjoyment. Their proposal is a much more aesthetically appealing storage solution than that provided on the eastern side of Manly Wharf. There has been much debate in the precinct about parking issues and I do not believe they are of concern to this DA. For the limited parking at Fairlight shops in Sydney Road we now have 4 Cafes but they still survive despite tight parking. All of us who enjoy the benefits of the Manly lifestyle and the facilities that come with being a major tourist centre also live with the challenge of parking regardless of which precinct you live in, all the way through from Manly through Queenscliff and Freshwater, and any suburb near harbour frontages. It should not be Manly Boatshed's problem that many buildings were constructed in this area without onsite parking. They have run a business there for over half a century and should be permitted to move with the times as envisaged in their DA.

Finally, for the history of Sydney and its aquatic harbour we have in this instance a multi generational family who have given generously and voluntarily to locals, the State and the Country. They have delivered international success and pride to our nation. I would be extremely saddened if they are not supported to continue their contribution and keep the name Treharne at the Manly Boat shed for another generation.