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

Having grown up in the area and spent many decades enjoying these Sydney Harbour foreshores (as well as using the area for sailing, boating and paddle boarding/kayaking) I am well aware of how this iconic boatshed has been run as a family business for 3 generations by the Treharne family, and has consequently become an historic and integral part of maritime activities on the North Harbour foreshore.

I have carefully reviewed the Statement of Environmental Effects dated 13 May 2020 and related documents for this DA and am delighted to see such a sensitive and attractive proposal to modernise the facilities in a way that will positively enhance public accessibility to this lovely nook of Sydney Harbour for recreational water activities, as well as increase the potential for enjoyment of this part of the very popular Spit to Manly walk, which I walk regularly.

The provision in this DA of much-needed secure storage and launching facilities for kayaks, SUPs etc. for those without the luxury of private home waterfront access will address a significant need for recreational users (instead of cluttering up public reserves); while the accompanying upgrade to offer free shower/change room/toilet facilities and the provision of a kiosk will provide a perfect refreshment stopover for Spit to Manly walkers/hikers and locals alike.

Accordingly, this proposal represents a much-needed and long overdue improvement to the neighbourhood and should be regarded as a very welcome contribution to the public amenity of Manly's harbourside attractions. I therefore support it enthusiastically and hope that it will be approved promptly.

Incidentally, I notice that a small number of local residents expressed concerns about the nature of the kiosk and alleged parking issues. However, I see there is no commercial kitchen in the proposal and the concerns about vehicular traffic/parking seem to be based on a misconception - as it is self-evident that the overwhelming majority of visitors will be arriving on foot or by water. It would be a great pity if a DA proposal with such obvious positive benefits to the local and broader Manly community was stymied by a handful of misguided objections.

Thank you for considering this submission.