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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Objection to the Planned Expansion of Super Yacht Moorings and Extended Liquor License at Davies Marina

I am writing to formally object to the proposed expansion of super yacht moorings at Davies Marina and the authorisations of a liquor license beyond the operating hours of 7pm. While I acknowledge the desire for economic growth and development in the area, I believe these plans would have several negative impacts on the local community and environment that must be considered.

1. Impact on Local Environment and Marine Life:

The expansion of moorings for super yachts could significantly disrupt the delicate balance of the local marine ecosystem. The increase in boat traffic, larger vessels, and the associated noise and pollution could have detrimental effects on water quality and biodiversity. This is particularly concerning given the growing emphasis on protecting marine environments from overdevelopment and environmental degradation.

2. Strain on Local Infrastructure:

The proposed expansion could put undue strain on existing infrastructure, including roads, public transport, and parking facilities. As the marina attracts larger, wealthier clientele, the increased foot traffic and demand for services.

3. Noise Pollution and Disturbance:

The extension of the liquor license beyond 7pm raises concerns regarding noise and disruption, particularly in the evenings and early mornings. The presence of large yachts and late-night activity could lead to excessive noise, disrupting the peace and quiet of the community. Many local residents value the calm atmosphere and feel that extending liquor service hours would introduce a level of disturbance that is incompatible with the area's character.

4. Impact on Community Values:

The expansion of luxury yacht moorings and the extension of liquor sales would shift the focus of the area from a community area to a commercial one, overly focused on the Marina. This could alienate local residents and undermine the sense of inclusivity and community spirit that is vital to the area.

5. Safety Concerns:

The larger vessels and extended hours for alcohol consumption could create safety hazards, both on the water and on land. The likelihood of incidents, such as accidents or public disturbances, may increase with the expanded operation. This would put additional pressure on local emergency services, who are already managing a range of community needs.

In conclusion, while I understand the potential economic benefits of this development, the negative consequences for the environment, local infrastructure, community well-being, and safety outweigh these advantages. I urge you to reconsider these plans and explore alternative approaches that prioritize the interests of the local community and the long-term sustainability of the area.

Thank you for considering my objections.