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

The proposal raises significant concerns about transparency, environmental impact, and community welfare. Residents directly affected by the development have been inadequately informed, with crucial details like the berthing of large superyachts and the addition of a liquor license to a new kiosk being buried within documents. The lack of an acoustic impact report and a poor visual impact statement further exacerbate the issue, as does the proposal's failure to address the needs of North Harbour's passive craft users and the potential environmental damage to seagrass and marine life.

Additionally, the proposal contradicts NSW Government boat storage initiatives by reducing moorings in an already crowded bay, which is unfair to the boating public. The inadequate ecology assessment and the absence of a fisheries approval highlight the need for a more thorough review of the environmental impacts. The proposal's potential to block views and increase noise and light pollution also contradicts legislation designed to protect the Sydney Harbour Foreshore's amenity. Overall, the proposal's lack of transparency and consideration for the community and environment calls for a re-evaluation.