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**Subject:** Maxwell Duncan – Northern Beaches Council - DA2024/1216 for North Harbour Marina

Hi Maxwell,

I understand you are collating submissions regarding DA2024/1216. Please refer to my following concerns:

### **1. Boating traffic and vessel size**

If I understand correctly the proposal will allow an increase in not only boating traffic, but also size of the vessels.

- As a local resident who regularly uses north harbour for non-motorised water sports I could see this being a safety concern. Particularly an issue when I am usually out with young children. I can't see how there is enough space for vessels of this size, when the smaller ones currently moored sometimes even have challenges
- We have always been aware of the concern for protecting seagrass (noting recently highlighted by the new signage at 40 baskets beach). Looking at the issues the fast ferries have created off Manly Wharf and seagrass scour, I really can't see how this would be a good thing for North Harbour. We regularly see seals, penguins and turtles in and around North Harbour, and of course it seems to be a happy place for the little fish.

### **2. Community and Visual Impact**

North Harbour has always been a little local bay for local residents and friends. The impact of huge vessels would change the feel of the bay, and make it less desirable for locals.

### **3. Cafe**

Whilst I generally support cafes and amenities for use by locals, opening hours are of concern to me. We use the area for dog walking and paddling with young children - and we know venues are not able to police their patrons. I would suggest reduced open hours and limiting use of glass.

Thanks in advance,

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