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

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed marina extensions at North Harbour Marina (Davis Marina) detailed in Development Application DA2024/1216. Based on the Aquatic Ecology report and public submissions, this development could significantly impact both the local environment and the local community. Most of the public submissions have raised objections, particularly noting the potential for irreversible damage to critical seagrass habitats during construction. Despite proposed measures to minimize this damage, the enforcement and effectiveness of these measures remain uncertain. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has stringent standards for protecting seagrass, a sensitive and slow-to-recover ecosystem. While the use of seagrass markers might reduce losses post-construction, the risk during the building phase poses a significant concern.

Additionally, the introduction of new infrastructure such as pylons and pontoons does not compensate for the potential loss of natural habitats. These structures create a different type of habitat that does not support the same biodiversity as the seagrass beds and could lead to further ecological imbalance. The argument that the overall ecological impact of the project will be positive is highly questionable and fails to address the actual loss of natural environments. Also the planned removal of swing moorings and the creation of a channel for larger vessels exacerbates this issue, significantly altering the marine landscape and potentially disrupting the local aquatic ecosystem.

Socially, the extension poses substantial risks to the North Harbour community's safety and quality of life. The proposed 50-metre channel to accommodate "super-yachts" presents a dangerous scenario for smaller watercraft, particularly for families in kayaks and other small vessels. The increase in large vessel traffic not only raises safety concerns but also environmental ones, as these vessels could disrupt fish breeding areas and increase noise and air pollution. This development could transform the tranquil community setting into a high-traffic marine corridor, which is a far cry from the current use enjoyed by local residents and visitors. I strongly urge the council to reconsider the approval of this development, taking into account the irreversible environmental damages and significant social impacts it entails.