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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

I am writing to express my strong opposition to DA2024/1216 concerning the marina at North Harbour.

As a resident of North Harbour Street for many years, I have enjoyed the tranquillity of this small cove, kayaking with friends and family, watching the community enjoying SUPs, dinghies and small sailing craft. It has always been a safe waterway for families to paddle and swim, and enjoy quiet evenings. The introduction of large superyachts will create danger for family activities and smaller craft, as there is insufficient navigation room for the superyachts which can't move quickly to avoid other smaller users.

There is no transparency in this development. Initially only 4 properties in Gourlay Avenue were notified. Critical details, such as the liquor licence, were hidden. It is strange that a kiosk would be open till 9pm, presumably that will become a bar.

The DA proposes to introduce yachts of 32 and 25 metres, at a height of 3-4 storeys. This will cause safety, environmental, noise and visual impacts. The wash and turning circle of the superyachts will threaten the seagrass and marine life, and cause foreshore erosion.

There is no acoustic report on how this will affect local residents. The noise from the diesel engines and party goers can continue day and night, and nearby residents like myself will be exposed to it as it travels across the water.

Lights from charter parties with as many as 100 guests on board can also continue late into the night, disturbing the peace of residents in Balgowlah and Fairlight. Party boats will create more rubbish and sewerage, increasing pollution and further endangering the ecosystem of North Harbour.

There will be an increased demand for parking, which is already inadequate. More large trucks required for food deliveries and rubbish removal will be on the scenic walkway creating danger for walkers and destroying the road surface.

Views from local homes, North Harbour Reserve, and the Manly Scenic Walkway will be detrimentally affected.

There is already a shortage of moorings in North Harbour, and the DA plans to take away some swing moorings, a loss to local sailors. It also plans to remove the slip rails, and to construct decking to store kayaks, which seems an improbable use. Since the new owner bought the marina, there has been no repair or tender service for local boat owners. Local sailors do not want the slip rails removed.

This DA is not compatible with the surrounding area and users of North Harbour. It proposes overdevelopment of this small bay, putting commercial profit ahead of the safety and lifestyle of the local community and visitors, and threatening the natural environment.

I request council to carefully consider the risks of the DA, and reject it for safety, amenity and environmental reasons.

Sally Shimada