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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

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Attention: Maxwell Duncan
Northern Beaches Council
MANLY 2095
Dear Mr. Duncan,
RE: DA 2024/ 1216

I wish to object to the above Development Application with regard to the extension of the Marina Berths.

I have been a local resident of North Harbour / Fairlight area for over 25 years and am truly concerned about the impacts of the DA proposal. The stand out issue in the proposal is the prospect of berthing two superyachts in the marina and this is simply not fitting for such a small and historically significant bay. My understanding is one berth will cater for a 25m vessel and the other 32m in length.

Views from North Harbour Reserve towards Humpack Rock, Fairlight Point and Quarantine Beach will be impacted by the proposed extension. Residents from Balgowlah that currently enjoy views from North Harbour will have their views significantly impacted by potentially 3 storey vessels impairing or blocking the view. Even the large luxury sailing yachts with significant mast heads will look like multiple construction cranes not fitting in at all with the backdrop of bushland.

There is a high usage of Stand-up paddleboards (SUP), kayaks and small sailing boats in the harbour particularly on weekends and peak summer season presenting a high risk of injury with the superyachts' necessary manoeuvres (32m and 25m vessels) operating in a confined and tight area. The stress and responsibility operating such vessels will be significant for both the superyacht skippers and for the small crafts potentially resulting in accidents not to mention the added challenges presented with wind gusts.

The parking and noise impacts from the proposed licenced kiosk and from superyacht charters would also be significant. There is already strain for the limited parking resources available. The iconic and tranquil walk from Manly to the Spit is so popular for a reason and with increased traffic generally increasing this will threaten the overall walking experience. The risk increase for neighbouring wildlife (wallabies, bandicoots and echidnas) are also

increased with an increase volume of vehicle access. This is no different to the challenges presented to other National Park areas to manage when traffic is increased.

The reduction of moorings in North Harbour to make way for two large super yachts is not a good outcome for the boating community. The demand is already high for scarce options. The seagrass in North Harbour is in very good condition attracting diverse marine life and will be at risk from thruster / propeller wash and shadowing if large vessels .

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Regards,
Damian & Catherine Hamer