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RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

I am writing to express my concern over key parts of this application and to note my strong objection to them.

When reviewing the document 'Plans - Marina' document in the DA, it shows that on the end of the 2 arms of the new marina proposal there will be "Optional Berths" of 32 meters (105 feet) and 25 meters (82 feet). Vessels of this size are very much out of character for the north harbour bay. From a visual and noise perspective these large vessels will have an adverse effect on the area with the lighting, generators and staff needed to run the huge vessels extremely detrimental to the natural environment currently enjoyed in the area by residents and visitors alike.

To create the navigation channel needed for the larger vessels, it will also mean the loss of 10 affordable swing moorings (as opposed to more expensive berths) used by families with smaller boats which service more local residents than the potentially 2 larger vessels ever would. These moorings are very scarce as it is. It would also create a danger for swimmers, kayakers, and small recreational fishing and boating craft while enjoying the peaceful outdoor marine area having the larger vessels navigating in and out of the bay.

The application proposes the establishment of a café with seating on the extended marina decking. Whilst I have no objection to a café as such, I would ask for appropriate restrictions on the operations of the kiosk to be put in place, with operating hours restricted to daytime, no evening opening, along with no sale, or consumption of alcohol.

The appeal of this area is that it is an attractive, peaceful, natural area and with the potential damage that bringing large vessels into an area like this can have, I would advocate for reducing the maximum allowable vessel size to 12-14 meters and restricting the kiosk's operations to align with community expectations and restricted hours.