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Subject: TRIMMED: Objection to DA2024/1216
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Hello,

Please see the attached objection to DA2024/1216.

I request my details be withheld from the public website. I do give council permission to hold and use my details to contact me regarding my submission and for my submission to be placed on the public website with the other submissions.

Regards,

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Dear Mr Duncan,

I am writing to **formally object to DA2024/1216**, proposed by North Harbour Marina (NHM). The proposed removal of commercial and private swing moorings is deeply concerning. The decision to remove private moorings for the commercial benefit of NHM is not in the best interest of the community and inappropriate use of public land. Furthermore, there has been no demonstrated need for a channel—this proposal appears to be driven solely by NHM and has not been justified as necessary.

Swing moorings provide a more affordable option for boat owners. While some may prefer berths, the removal of both NSW Maritime private moorings and NHM moorings—presented as a net neutral number of boats under NHM's control—effectively forces the local community into more expensive berths. Many of the boats currently on moorings are owned by families, and the financial burden of this change should not fall on the community simply to increase NHM's revenue. The higher costs associated with berths provide no broader community benefit; they serve only to enhance the profits of a private business. Access to the public land on the harbour should prioritize the widest possible community benefit rather than be restricted to those who can afford significantly higher costs.

Regarding the café and parking arrangements, while I am not opposed to a café in principle, I believe the application has misrepresented the reality of parking availability and access to the site. As a regular user of the bay, parking is already scarce, often requiring us to park in surrounding streets. The application downplays this issue and inaccurately implies the availability of public transport, which suggests either poor research or a lack of familiarity with the local area. This further reinforces the impression that NHM is not genuinely engaged with or invested in the local community.

Operating on Sydney Harbour is a privilege, and with that comes a responsibility to engage with and support the local community. However, this application demonstrates no genuine effort to foster community involvement or ensure equitable access to the harbour.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this application and urge its rejection in its entirety, preserving community access, affordability, and fairness in the use of public waterways.