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

Dear Mr Duncan,

I write again to OPPOSE the DA Application DA2024/1216

Much has been said and I would simply like to draw Councils attention to 3 items:

1. The ONLY support for this DA comes from outside the Council area

Craig Marn - 21 Portview Road GREENWICH - Out of Council Area

Diane Kuhl - North Turramurra -Out of Council Area

Adam Bloomfield - Annadale -Out of Council Area

Michael Jarvin - Double Bay -Out of Council Area

Arron Senes - Out of Council Area ?

Martin Chechelski -Out of Council Area ?

Nick Moore -Out of Council Area ?

Richard Garland -Out of Council Area ?

Nathan Poulos -Out of Council Area ?

Renuma Pasha -Out of Council Area ?

Matthew Barakat -Out of Council Area ?

Jack Joseph -Out of Council Area ?

Klujin - Out of Council Area ?

Interestingly most of those who passionately Oppose the DA are more than happy to share their addresses and experiences about North Harbour - rather than just following North Harbour Marina's (NHM) shared, lobbying template of support.

There are a couple of Supporters for the proposal that also clearly have a vested interest of sorts with only one of them being a local resident/rate payer

Darren Vaux Chairman Empire Marinas Group - Vested interest ?

Michael Joyce - R Marine Sydney - Vested interest ?

2. The following trite (and much used idea from the Supports of this DA) comment is : "A key component of this plan is the removal of 10 swing moorings to create a 50-meter-wide safe navigation channel. Currently, the bay is overcrowded with swing moorings, creating congestion that poses safety risks for boaters and passive water users alike. The establishment of a clear and unobstructed navigation channel will significantly improve safety, particularly for small craft, including dinghies, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards (SUPs). With the increasing popularity of non-motorised water recreation, it is essential to provide safer passage for these users while reducing potential conflicts with larger vessels."

To my knowledge, having lived here and used the North Harbour for over 30 years, I'm unaware of any major safety issues. It is a 4 knot speed limited area - opening up a 50 meter

channel is just unnecessary in so many ways:

- a. There is currently no safety issue that the community is aware of - there will only be a safety issue if big "super yachts" start using NHM
  - b. There is a yacht currently moored at NHM (Savannah Girl?) which is nearly 15m long - so navigation is not currently an issue.
  - c. If indeed this is a statement of support then "With the increasing popularity of non-motorised water recreation, it is essential to provide safer passage for these users while reducing potential conflicts with larger vessels." Simply keep the larger vessels out, would be a simple solution.
  - d. What of the families who own boats on these swing moorings ? Sacrificed for big "super yachts" from out of area ?
  - e. Opening up this 50m lane will - inevitably - increase the chance of people speeding through the area - a bit like removing speed humps on a residential street ?
  - f. The removal of the swing moorings is a "Stalking or Trojan horse".(Choose your horse !)
- Without this 50m lane big "super yachts" will simply not be able to operate...end of story.

3. North Harbour Marina (NHM) has demonstrated a complete lack of interest in supporting the North Harbour public and the North Harbour boating community even though they are occupying public land. They have been duplicitous and only have commercial NOT community interests at heart. Their estimate of total costs of \$257,500 is a deceptive joke.