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Fairlight NSW 2094  
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**RE: DA2024/1216 - Gourlay Avenue BALGOWLAH NSW 2093**

I am writing to express my concerns to the above development application

My family and I have resided in Fairlight for over 20 years. We live in Fairlight Crescent across the bay from North Harbour Marina

Our main concerns are as follows:

**Impact on Sea Grasses** - the plan to relocate swing moorings from the centre of the bay to the shoreline. This action could have a detrimental effect on the sea grasses, which are a vital part of our marine ecosystem. Sea grasses provide habitat for a variety of marine life and help to maintain water quality. Disturbing these areas could lead to unforeseen ecological consequences.

**Community Impact** - Like many other residents, my family enjoys kayaking, paddleboarding, and swimming in the bay. The presence of large vessels & superyachts and the associated increase in water traffic would pose a safety risk for those of us who use the bay for recreational activities. The bay is a shared space that should continue to be safe and accessible for all residents to enjoy. Allowing commercialisation of the precinct and promoting an increase in the size and volume of large, powered vessels navigating through the bay would almost certainly remove the current benefits enjoyed by the many users of the bay.

**Navigation Channel** - I believe the Navigation Channel is unnecessary, as it poses increased risks for paddleboarders, kayakers, and small vessels and will encourage more vessels into the bay. The current safety concerns in the area are minimal without the presence of this channel.

A superyacht facility is not suitable for our quiet bay and poses a risk to the delicate marine environment that we all cherish. I believe that preserving the natural state of our bay is of utmost importance.