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Mr Mark Ferguson, General Manager
Northern Beaches Council
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Dear Mr Ferguson,

Re DA No: N0477/16 Construction of Mooring Pens 1 Kalinya St Newport

We refer to the above DA and our association has very real concerns with regard to this proposed construction of mooring pens, which we fear will in reality be another Marina.

The location of these mooring pens we believe is not acceptable as the construction is into a very narrow channel between the hotel and the Bayview sand spit, a sand spit that is forever changing. To emphasise this point we attach our own siting plan, as Attachment #1, of the pens construction based on a photograph at low tide (not quite at full low tide) We note the same type of siting plan attached to the DA was made on a high tide, therefore hiding the impact on the narrow channel.

This channel is used by not only larger vessels but many small craft such as kayaks, runabouts and surfboats as an access way to the greater Pittwater and we believe what remaining channel there would be after construction would become a huge safety issue for these craft, especially in high winds which are not uncommon in this area.

We note that the RMS has approved the construction, which we find extremely surprising, and they have indicated that craft should back into the pens. To back into these pens in the narrow channel in a high wind is very safety problematic, especially as we have said to other craft. Whether the craft back in or back out we believe will create the same safety issue.

Whilst we note in the DA that the proposed hours are from 6am in the morning to 12am (midnight) we would be concerned as to the adherence to these long hours. We are also concerned these pens will in fact just become just an extension of the hotel where food and alcohol can be consumed which in itself becomes a boating and public safety issue and a defacto extension of the hotel.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler
President