

**ITEM                    MAYORAL MINUTE - GLADESVILLE BRIDGE  
                              MARINA**

**Department        Executive Services**

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**REPORT**

I would like to bring to Council's attention a deeply concerning proposal to expand the Gladesville Bridge Marina.

Our harbour front and waterways are the heart of our City. The City of Canada Bay area is defined by the Parramatta River and Council is investing significant resources into making Parramatta River swimmable again; not only seeking to benefit our precious natural ecosystems but activating an underused resource for our area.

As our City grows, public spaces become more and more vital to the health and wellbeing of our community. In the fight to safeguard these public assets, our waterways are no different to our parks and green spaces.

The City of Canada Bay has received and is currently undertaking an assessment of a Development Application for the expansion of the Gladesville Bridge marina. Following this assessment, the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel is tasked with making a determination.

This proposed development would be a scar on the face of our beautiful waterway. It will reduce the liveability of our local area, threatens our local heritage and will result in the loss of local jobs.

The owners are proposing a significant increase in scale for the Marina and I have real concerns about its unacceptable visual impact, alienation of Howley Park and the waterways for public recreation, as well as adverse impacts on the amenity of nearby areas including parking issues to arise from the development.

It is clear that this suburban area is the wrong place to base such a significant marina, but this is not just about us and our local area. This proposal will have Sydney-wide implications by continuing to impact ferry services and detracting from the State heritage listed Gladesville Bridge.

Many members of the local community share my concerns. As of Thursday, 13 February over 1,150 members of our community have signed a public petition opposing the development.

I stand with our community in opposing this development.

Members of the public can make a submission to Council in relation to the DA proposal up to 4pm Friday, 28 February 2020.

I implore all concerned residents and visitors to our waterways to take a moment in the next week to write to Council detailing your thoughts on this proposal.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Mayor write to the NSW Minister for Planning Rob Stokes, NSW Shadow Minister for Planning Tania Mihailuk, NSW Minister for Transport Andrew Constance, NSW Shadow Minister for Transport Chris Minns, John Sidoti MP, NSW Greens Planning and Heritage spokesperson Jamie Boyd MP and NSW Greens Transport spokesperson Abigail Boyd MP expressing his concern regarding this proposal.

