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**To whom it may concern**

**NSW Government, Department of Planning and Environment**

This submission is written in support of the **Modification 5 to MP06\_0037 - Marine Refuelling & Supply Facility, at White Bay 6 Marine Park.**

I am an employee of White Bay 6 Marine Park, Balmain. I am in full support of the proposed upgrade to facilities here at this precinct.

I have strong links to Sydney Harbour and Balmain in particular. My grandfather was a ship-builder from the halcyon working days of Cockatoo Island, and I have been so fortunate to have earned my own and my family's living as a commercial vessel operator on Sydney Harbour for 15 years. I am now proud to write to you with enthusiasm for this exciting vision of White Bay 6 Marine Park.

The founding of White Bay 6 Marine Park was a breakthrough in re-establishing Balmain's strong and vital link to Sydney's working harbour, and furthermore provided opportunities for the community and their families to so easily access the harbour for recreational boating on the most beautiful harbour in the world.

The proposed development of White Bay 6 Marine Park that has been submitted to you, opens even further opportunities for the wider community to participate in and enjoy the rewards and benefits from a life of activities associated with our harbour.

Currently, White Bay 6 Marine Park directly employs 25 full-time, part-time and contracted staff. Here, you will find a culture of happy, hard workers who are committed as stakeholders to the long-term success and growth of this business. We all look positively towards our futures here and particularly, the evolution of White Bay 6 as it is proposed, which we all see as key to long-term security and stability for the vast number of people and businesses associated with White Bay 6 Marine Park.

Furthermore, our tenants employ over 75 people, and there have been 316 active individual contractors on site in the past six months alone. In total there are approximately 400 people that consider the White Bay 6 Marine Park precinct their primary place of employment, or a place from where they conduct work to sustain their business and sustain their livelihoods. There are also a great number of additional associated businesses that reap significant benefits from their links with White Bay 6 Marine Park. They provide employment and economic benefit from their own ongoing activities that emanate from this precinct. This includes the many businesses and operators associated with fuel supply, transport (land and water), commercial harbour operators and recreational boat owners.

Key aspects of the White Bay 6 Marine Park proposed development that will affect us all in the very most positive way will offer us the following direct improvements:

- New office and employee amenity area providing a modern, clean and comfortable break room which will greatly improve the current facility.
- New purpose-built workshops which will allow employees and contractors to work undercover in unfavourable weather conditions, protecting us from the elements whilst improving our working environment, productivity and efficiency

- Increase in boat storage customers which will ultimately increase the number of employment opportunities throughout White Bay 6.
- New floating finger pontoon which will improve the management of vessels waiting to be lifted out of the water or awaiting customer arrival.
- Ensure the ongoing viability of White Bay 6 Marine Park as a vibrant, integrated marine facility providing employment and opportunity to the marine industry and the community.

It is my great hope that you will look favourably on this proposal and provide your approval. It is with vision such as this one submitted to you for White Bay 6, that Sydney can continue to pay tribute to our harbour's working history, keeping it alive, and at the same time providing opportunities for business growth well into the future, creating valuable new ties and offer ever increasing benefits to our community.

Yours faithfully

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Details withheld – NO