

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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Partially Confidential

Hello

We are residents that live close to the White Bay Cruise ship terminal (CST). We are not opposed to the CST and feel it can be made to work for everyone but I am writing to confirm that there is an issue with noise and air pollution and to ask that measures be implemented to help address the issue.

In terms of the noise, unless it is one of the few newer ships, the ships produce a continuous sound which causes us to have to close the windows and doors to get some relief from the noise and it is not pleasant to be outside. When the ships stay overnight, the sound is even more audible as everything else is quiet and it does disturb our sleep, particularly if they have bright lights on all night.

Despite claims from Sydney ports to the contrary, the ships also definitely produce air pollution which I am able to smell and 'feel' in the air. We have 2 small children aged and this concerns me and again causes me to close the windows and doors. This is not fair as we should be able to use our garden and the children should be able to play freely in their own backyard safely.

I and many residents I have spoken to would be satisfied if the following measures were implemented:

1. ships to use **on shore power** - I understand some ships can already connect to onshore power and the others should be required to make the necessary changes to be able to do so by a certain reasonable date in the future. Onshore power was also a condition of the terminal's approval. This requirement should be the priority because it would significantly reduce the noise and air pollution.
2. ships be **prohibited from using low grade fuel** to reduce air pollution when ships arrive/depart and cannot be linked to onshore power.
3. No ships to stay overnight

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and for looking into this issue.

regards