

**Submission
No 165**

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

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To whom it may concern.

I take this opportunity to convey my strongest concerns of repeated and serious failures by the Environmental Protection Authority to respond with their Duty of Care responsibilities to the citizens and the natural environment of NSW.

The list including inadequate policing of policy, failure to hold environmental offenders to account, the lack of genuine deterrent policy and penalties has emboldened illegal activity with subsequent social and ecological harm clearly, does not finish there.

We read of repeated offences by Orica - into the land and Hunter River again at Botany - where EPA finally acted due to the utter seriousness. Ongoing complaints regarding coaldust affecting people's health could have been corrected by vigilant assessment at the earliest...Santos environment damage and vital subterranean water contamination does not appear to have been a lesson for the mining and CSG interests....To name a few.

Blatant cost cutting by the government would certainly be a factor in EPA claiming some explanation....However, the ideology of how government would like to reform - deform - society is in my view, equally evident.

.The EPA is not doing the important safeguards of human and environmental protection and wellbeing it has the solemn obligation to doThe EPA is failing, that is a situation that is wrong, dangerous and not cost effective now nor in the future .

Regards
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