

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

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The Hon Robert Brown MLC
Chair, General Purpose Standing Committee No 5
Legislative Council
NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Chair

Re: Submission to Inquiry into the performance of the NSW Environmental Protection Authority

My husband and I would like to make the following submission:

- We live at _____, which is in the area of Balmain closest to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal. Over the past year, but particularly in the several summer months when the cruise ship activity was extremely high, we have experienced severe pollution from the emission fumes coming from the cruise ships. The emissions come because the ships need to keep their engines running while they are docked at the terminal because there is no Shore Power at White Bay to which they could connect to keep their electrical systems running while they are in port. These emissions are fanned onshore by the prevailing southerly winds. They carry toxic substances which affect the local residents adversely: severely irritated coughing, asthmatic symptoms causing difficulty breathing, sore and irritated eyes, headaches. In addition to the problem of toxic fumes, there is engine noise from the ships and sometimes there is other noise such as from a ship's loud speakers. These occurrences with the cruise ships have mostly been during the day but last summer there were occasions when some ships were docked all night, keeping their engines going.

We would appreciate any efforts made to minimise this adverse pollution which is damaging to the health of local residents. We would be particularly grateful if this minimisation could include the provision of Shore Power at the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth and Elaine Moon

25th August, 2014