

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

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing because I am appalled.

What is the problem with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)?

No resources? No authority?

EPA has been investigating Benedict Industries P/L operation at the Great Southern Rock Quarry since 2012.

Environmental Impact Statement states that the October 2012 to 2013 production from the site was over 400,000 t.p.a. Need I remind you the EPA Licence only grants 30,000 t.p.a. extraction.

At a meeting when heads of departments (Dept of Lands and the EPA) and residents are brought together (meeting 19 June 2014 Sandy Point) it became obvious to residents present, nobody knows what is going on!

What monitoring is going on, over extraction continues?

EPA has issued fines but the fines would not put a dent in Benedict Industries' lunch money tin.

I don't need to present any other examples of the EPA inadequacies. What is not being dealt with at the quarry site would not be dealt with across the board.

It defies reason why Benedict Industries has not been evicted from this quarry site.

This is bloody ridiculous, a department that is supposed to be looking after our health and the environment is basically inert. The pending NSW parliamentary inquiry is long, long, long overdue.

Environment Planning & Assessment Act 1979. 1979? Is this act outdated?

This is just not good enough.

Government needs to get its act together and delegate the resources and authority to the EPA so it can do the job to protect the public's health and the environment.

Yours hopefully,

Mr William J PAWSEY