

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

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White Bay Cruise Terminal

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NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 5

Australia promotes itself as a First World Country but the residents of Sydney and tourists have to endure Third World conditions from Cruise Ships berthed at White Bay Cruise Terminal.

Why are ships allowed to use fuel with a sulphur content **35 times higher than allowed in Europe and North America?**

The solution to this is obvious, Shore-to-ship power **MUST** be provided to reduce air and noise pollution.

Emission monitoring is inadequate and should be widened to include all dangerous diesel emissions and Cruise Companies that breach conditions should be penalised. We are concerned about the long term health effects on the local residents, especially the young and the elderly.

We live 2 streets from the Terminal but on some days, need to close the house to reduce the constant noise and diesel odour.

We have attached a photo taken from the Darling Harbour area showing the smoke billowing above the surrounding buildings.

Is this what the Government want tourists to see and smell when they visit Sydney?

Leonard & Margaret Clarke