

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

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NSW Upper house Inquiry into the Environmental Protection Authority

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a local conservation group that has been active in the area for nearly 50 years. Our members are concerned to see that a clean and healthy environment is handed on to future generations. The Environmental Protection Authority has a critically important role in the protection of the environment for both current and future generations.

Healthy children and communities depend on clean air, water and soils. The role of the EPA as regulator and monitor of polluting activity must be supported by adequate resourcing directly from government. The EPA must have the legislative capacity to address cumulative impacts of polluting activities and the ability to input into meaningful strategic planning to manage cumulative impacts. It must have strong enforcement powers in identified pollution incidents, powers which must continue into the follow up stage of any necessary remediation. Its officers must be protected as they go about their duties to protect communities from the harmful and expensive costs of long term pollution of the environment. There must be community representation within the EPA structure to ensure transparency and improved community engagement to better inform local communities about pollution and any precautions they should take to protect their health.

The environment and the community needs a strong, independent and well resourced EPA.

Yours sincerely,  
Cathy Merchant,  
President.