

**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: Further submission to the Inquiry into the performance of the NSW Environmental Protection Authority.

Thank you for an opportunity to update my concerns further to 1.(b) (v) of the terms of reference. My comments are in relation to the ongoing process of trying to apply regulations in line with those in the the US and EU ,to control toxic emissions from cruise ships berthed at White Bay Cruise Terminal.

The panel from the Inquiry are now familiar with the site and situation after a visit last week . They experienced a day when the wind was blowing from the south and the fumes were affecting the local community.

We are now entering the peak cruise ship season.

It would appear that this long inquiry may be delaying a chance to expedite any Government action to relocate the ships immediately.

This is despite the apparent concerns and support from the EPA regarding the serious concerns of the health of the community.

We cannot suffer another summer like the last one.

The fumes are even worse in the heat and humidity, especially when the gentle prevailing winds from the south east last nearly all day and night during the summer.

The WHO has already outlined the severe health risks from emissions from 'bunker fuel'.

We do NOT need more expensive and time wasting air pollution monitoring when it is not possible to monitor the known dangerous emissions such as formaldehyde, toluene and benzene.

This issue must not be a game of politics .

If the EPA does not have the power to resolve this serious situation immediately, what is its purpose?

I do not agree to my personal details being made publicly available.

Yours sincerely,