

**Submission
No 189**

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

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The Hon Robert Brown MLC
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cc: Jamie Parker MP, Member for Balmain

Dear Chair

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

Further to 1. (b) (v) of the Inquiry's terms of reference, I would like to make the following comments about the regulation of cruise passenger ships at the White Bay Cruise Terminal at Balmain:

- ① Over the past year I have noticed serious deterioration of the health of the vegetation and the populace of residents residing in the Balmain area. I have seen a public visitor to this area for the past 37 years.
 - ② It is an absolute disgrace that our environmental protection policies allow cruise ships to burn fuel with a toxic sulphur content of 3.5%. This is totally out of "step" with North America and Europe.
 - ③ Surely the fact that diesel emissions contain such carcinogenic toxins such as sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, benzene and formaldehyde should be taken seriously!! Who made this policy!
- Yours sincerely,

R MACINTOSH