

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Who in politics New South Wales will take the challenge to stand up for interests of the community and natural environment first?

An independent Environment Protection Authority which is adequately resourced so that it can effectively meet its objectives and enforce compliance with conditions of licence or approval, as well as defend regulatory policies and actions through law when required, or prosecute offenders.

There is constant pressure on the air we breathe, the water we drink and the ecosystems which support our well-being and survival and this is being exacerbated by increased growth and industrial development .

The important role of the EPA: Protecting, restoring and enhancing the quality of the environment in New South Wales is well known.

But there have been a number of recent incidents highlighting the EPA's failure to regulate or prosecute polluters and stop environmental breaches. The public perception is that the EPA has been captured by industry, and does not act in the public interest.

This inquiry is to address the specific concerns raised by the community and to make recommendations to ensure that the EPA is capable of putting the environment and healthy communities ahead of polluters.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Nute