

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

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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.

We live on the cliff face obliquely overlooking the White Bay Cruise Terminal and we are concerned about a number of issues related to the ships docking at this terminal. We are concerned about the environmental emissions and the health of our family, the excessive noise and the continual vibrations when the ships are in port.

We understand that Sydney Ports' environment readings have indicated that the ships exceed EPA's recommended levels of noise and sulphur dioxide emissions. We also understand that no action has been taken to deter the ships from exceeding these EPA recommended levels. We are concerned that about the short and long term health affects that these excesses will generate.

We are also concerned about the lack of data available on the other emissions generated by these ships. We feel that there should be continual monitoring and control of the ships emissions and noise levels. Our overriding concern is that all ships should be obligated to meet EPAs guidelines and world safety recommendations for environmental controls. And not just obligated in theory, but there should be heavy and immediate penalties for any breach of these guidelines – actions to ensure further breaches do not continue. This will ensure the health of future generations of residents.

Yours sincerely