

Submission
Standing Committee on State Development
Inquiry into Port Infrastructure in NSW

Proposed plan for closure of Sydney Harbour for container shipping is a most unrealistic suggestion. Sydney Harbour is central to all Northern Shore suburbs and this creates less traffic chaos coming from South to North.

Jobs lost at Sydney Harbour will not be replaced with the expansion of Port Botany, as Port Botany is highly automated and requires much less manpower.

There is no existing land at Port Botany for the creation of labor-intensive industries. However Newcastle and Port Kembla both have vacant land for labor-intensive jobs, which those areas need desperately.

Sydney Harbour is a working port, which enhances the character of the harbour, it is a show of strength and power amid its beautiful surroundings.

Botany Bay is in major need of protection to secure its early and important historical beginnings, which have the greatest significance to our history as a Nation.

The eco-systems have had serious damage inflicted by the careless and not punished attitude of developers. The Bay can no longer sustain the ruthless development as in the past and to what is proposed for the very near future.

The use of rail for freight transport takes the problems into other populated areas as well as road use. Trains with bouncing containers traversing nightly at the rate of one every ten minutes through many residential areas all night is totally unacceptable.

Sydney Ports appear to be interested only in building its own cooperate empire, but a greater co-ordination is necessary among all Australian Ports.

Where does the new rail line from Darwin to Adelaide fit in the all this proposed development?

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my objections and should their be provision made for expanding my thoughts at any hearing to be held, could I be please be invited to attend and speak to the panel appointed for such an occasion.

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