

**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

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:

On most days the cruise ships are docked at White Bay my husband and I are unable to sit on our front balcony, or sit in our small courtyard out the back. Additionally, we are unable to open any windows as the smell from outside is just acrid. This is normally for the entire day/s that the ship is in port.

This is distressing to us as we live in a small weatherboard terrace and it gets very hot in summer. Unfortunately all winter our courtyard is in shade so it is too cold to sit outside. We wait until spring or summer to enjoy it. This is the time the ships are docked, therefore we cannot enjoy it. On the days the wind is not blowing our way, the ship is so loud; it is hard to concentrate on reading outside or just sitting in the sun enjoying the peace and quiet.

My husband and I work 40-100 hours per week to pay off a large mortgage, only to find the time we are not at work we can't even enjoy what we are working so hard to pay off. I am really concerned about both our physical and mental health. We have thought about selling even though we love the area so much; however the cost of selling and purchasing elsewhere is prohibitive. So we are stuck and unable to do anything about the pollution. I'm sure none of your families are living like this. When we bought here, there was no cruise ship terminal, so please don't say we already knew about the pollution.

Please do something for the sake of the health of Balmain residents. I can assure you if my husband and I should obtain any health related conditions, we will be seeking damages.

Yours sincerely,