Submission No 155

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, we would like to make the following comments concerning the regulation of cruise passenger ships at the White Bay Cruise Terminal at Balmain.

To date there appears to have been very little action by government to ameliorate the intrusive and unhealthy aspects surrounding the cruise terminal at White Bay.

The impact on the local residential community has been of great concern to residents and council. It has been established that the diesel fumes drifting across our suburb are toxic and carcinogenic. In addition, the unpleasant short term effects of the emissions from cruise ships include headaches, and a variety of respiratory illnesses. The black oily deposits continue to be inhaled, as well as landing on our washing, cars and other property.

For the sake of the community and the environment we would be grateful if you would seriously consider the impact these emissions have on the residents and their surrounds.

Yours sincerely,