

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY

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Dear Ms Gardiner,

Re: INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR
FORESHORE AUTHORITY

I wish to put before the Committee some observations in respect to item (d) of the Terms of Reference "*the role of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority as a consent authority for the land that it administers*".

By way of background, the Waterways Authority is the owner of the bed of Sydney Harbour and some adjoining lands within the area administered by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. These lands include the Walsh Bay precinct and King Street Wharf on which major development projects are being undertaken.

Since the Foreshore Authority took over the role as consent authority the Authority has noted an improvement in the time taken for the granting of development approvals and the willingness of staff to be involved in briefings prior to the submission of development applications.

In respect to item (g) "*any other relevant matters*" the Foreshore Authority undertakes the place management of the King Street Wharf public domain and the property management of the retail outlets on the ferry wharves at Circular Quay for the Authority on a fee for service basis. The Foreshore Authority undertakes this work in a professional and competent manner and provides consistent management of these high use precincts.

If you require further information in regard to the above matters, I can be contacted on 9364-2485.

Yours sincerely,



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