

**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
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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, as concerned residents of the Balmain/Birchgrove environment we would like to make the following comments about the regulation of cruise passenger ships at the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal at Balmain.

Many members of our community are experiencing a range of detrimental health symptoms and risk health risk factors due to the lack of regulations for the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal (CST). This lack of regulation allows unacceptable levels of environmental pollution. Three major concerns are detailed below.

- First, the diesel used while the ship is approaching the city of Sydney and subsequently moored at this CST has a higher level of sulphur compared to that used in Europe and other countries. This together with a lack of shore to ship power results in a high and dangerous level of diesel emissions.
- Secondly, the monitoring of emissions containing many dangerous toxins is inadequate. For example the criteria used for measuring and monitoring sulphur dioxide is not in keeping with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation.
- Thirdly, planning conditions are regularly breached including those pertaining to noise criteria. However, it seems that penalties are not imposed for these breaches.

Yours sincerely,