

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

New South Wales needs a fearless and independent Environment Protection Authority that puts the interests of the community and natural environment first.

Most importantly, it must be adequately resourced so that it can effectively meet its objectives and enforce compliance with conditions of licence or approval, defend regulatory policies and actions through law when required, or prosecute offenders.

Increased growth and industrial development are placing enormous pressure on the air we breathe, the water we drink and the ecosystems which support our well-being and survival.

The EPA has an important role to play in protecting, restoring and enhancing the quality of the environment in New South Wales. However a number of recent incidents highlight the EPA's failure to regulate or prosecute polluters and stop environmental breaches. Following these incidents there is strong public perception that the EPA has been captured by industry, and does not act in the public interest.

We look to this inquiry to address the specific concerns raised by the community and to make recommendations to ensure that the EPA is capable of putting the environment and healthy communities ahead of polluters.

I am disappointed and dismayed by the response from EPA to my many complaints to them about the dust being created by the construction of the ETTT. Always the response is that it is within guidelines. Well, is it within guidelines to have a verandah table so thick with dust that I could grow potatoes in it. Is it within guidelines to have my house covered in dust to the point that I had to have a house wash. Is it within guidelines to have so much dust coming from the ETTT where dust barriers are not used and mitigation is haphazard and pathetic.

Give the people an EPA that stands to protect the community's health and the environment, not an EPA that protects and covers up for the impacts for reasons unknown, but suspected.

Julienne

Yours sincerely,
julienne lynch