

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

- **Fuel sulphur content is up to 35 times higher than allowed in Europe and North America.** Cruise ships in Sydney Harbour are allowed to burn fuel with a sulphur content of up to 3.5%. In North America, once ships come within 200 nautical miles of the east or west coastlines, they are not allowed to burn more than 1% sulphur fuel and this will further reduce to 0.1% sulphur by January 2015. In Europe, ships in port are also limited to 0.1% sulphur fuel.
- **Shore-to-ship power has not been provided.** Over 100 ports around the world now provide the ability for ships to plug in to the local power grid so that they can switch off their engines stopping dangerous diesel emissions in port. Whilst there was a requirement to allow for shore power at the White Bay Cruise Terminal in the future, there is no requirement to actually provide it and as predicted Sydney Ports are reluctant to embrace shore power at the site.

As I am resident immediately above the Terminal I am affected by the fumes whenever a ship is in port. I would appreciate the committee taking the appropriate action to correct these concerns.

Yours sincerely

Dallas Baxter