

**Submission
No 179**

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

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**The Hon Robert Brown, MLC
Chair, General Purpose Standing Comm No 5
Legislative Council
NSW Parliament, Macquarie St,
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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:

I have several times submitted letters/complaints to the various authorities re shipping at the White Bay cruise terminal. These submissions have been isolated and individually directed at particular vessels which have without doubt created a noise or exhaust fume nuisance (pollution) in my home. Certain vessels have much louder generators when running than others and these are clearly audible in my home, roughly a block from the terminal. There is additional noise when the tannoys are used for public 'on-ship' announcements. At other times with an easterly drift to the breeze I am forced to close my front windows due to the diesel smell.

My objection is not nimby-ing - there is now EVIDENCE that some ships are not complying with reasonable mooring requirements as, with their use of generators and public address systems, unacceptable noise and fume pollution events occur regularly for the residents of the nearby areas. That some of the pollution is almost certainly carcinogenic cannot be denied, and in recognition of this, many other authorities will not accept the mooring practices in their ports that are currently accepted in Sydney.

The problem fume issues can be alleviated, probably stopped, by the provision and mandatory use of electricity supplied from the shore. The non-use of generators will also remove most of the continuous 'hum' sounds. Shore power is a simple request and not that difficult to achieve. It will cost some money but in this universal Government era of, "The User Pays", it is obvious that the cruise ship industry must bear the cost of that electricity and stop the pollution that they are causing.

I note that the industry will not even blink at paying a small extra amount per passenger for shore power – Sydney is the cruising jewel; they know it, the Government knows it and we residents know it.

We seek your understanding in this matter – we only ask for clean air and a reduction in unnecessary noise. We are sure the solution is simple.

Yours sincerely,

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