

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned the EPA's role is not being taken seriously by government. The EPA should be well-resourced, impartial, at arm's length from business, and having the leadership to inflict severe penalties on those who breach environmental guidelines. I am concerned these things have already been undermined, and I dearly hope that there is no corruption within the EPA or undue influence placed upon them by their leadership, or other bureaucratic or political pressure from other sections of government. I do hope we won't have our faith in the EPA completely squashed if it was found to be totally inept, weak, or corrupt.

Yours Faithfully  
Brent Richards