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INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The EPA recently has been ineffective in dealing with the coal transportation problems in the Hunter Valley, and the issue of non-regulation of noise and diesel emissions from freight trains.

The paltry fines imposed on various industrial spillages make a nonsense of existing regulation in that area, even if the EPA brings the perpetrators to book.

There is obviously no intention of the government to reign in the power of big industry, as the EPA has effectively no teeth and limited funding.

Regards

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