

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

Name: Ms Patricia Ryan

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I read with great concern of inadequate resourcing and effectiveness of environmental regulation in New South Wales. The Environment Protection Authority appears to be without the authority to act which puts environment and community first.

Laws to protect our ecosystems have been hard won over many years. Please do not allow offenders against these laws to ignore their responsibilities.

New South Wales must again have an effective watchdog for the environment. Currently the state is failing in this regard.

I ask you to act to strengthen environmental regulation in this state so that the body charged with this duty ensures compliance by industry and individuals. The body must have the resources and the will to prosecute offenders who breach environmental laws.

I look to you through this inquiry into the EPA to make recommendations which put our health ahead of polluters.

Yours sincerely,
Patricia Ryan