

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed development on Glebe Island by Hanson Concrete. It is unconscionable that this development would even be considered. It is a disgrace and an ill conceived and ill considered proposition. How can a development of this type be built in what is now a high density residential area that is filled with people. This area has been developed to accommodate over 16,00 people including young children and the elderly. Glebe Island Berths 1 and 2 have not been used for heavy industry in over ten years. It has not been used consistently as an industrial port in that time and to return it to such, is to betray the community that has been encouraged to develop a mere 200 metres across from the proposed development.

The 24/7 operation is an affront to human dignity and the freedoms that every citizen in this country is entitled to. Every person living in Australia is entitled to live in their own homes in peace and safety. The proposed development is in direct opposition to this essential right. I implore the NSW government to stand up for the rights of its citizens and stop this development. Port Botany is far more suited to this development than Glebe Island.

We have been told that if the 24/7 toxic fumes, noise and dust are too much, to go inside, close our doors and windows and turn on the air-conditioning. We have been told that if the 24/7 lights shining into our homes is too much, then go and buy some curtains and keep them closed. What country do I live in that treats its citizens with such disdain? I demand that my rights be upheld and this development be stopped.

The EIS only gives estimated outcomes for noise, dust, light emission and toxic fumes. It admits that these may well be above accepted levels but that's ok because it won't be too far above the accepted levels. It's ok for regulated levels to be ignored a little bit. It's ok if Hansons don't conform to the specified regulations for the safety and health of residents. In other words it's ok if residents breathe in a little bit of toxic fumes or can't sleep because there is only a bit too much noise or a little bit too much light shining into their bedroom or are coughing a little bit because of the dust in the air. When did the rights of citizens get ground underfoot? Is NSW now a dictatorship?

I object on the following grounds:

### **Cumulative Affects**

The Hanson EIS and the Port Authority REF give individual estimates for the affects of noise, light, dust, toxic fumes and road safety but they are refusing to give cumulative results. It makes sense that to give a true indication of the affects on residents then a report needs to be done that takes into account the cumulative effects of all these factors.

### **Plain English**

The Hanson EIS is written in such technical language it is almost impossible to understand. I am of the understanding that reports of this kind where community opinion is sought then it must be written so that a lay person can understand it. The EIS needs to be redone because it does not meet this criteria.

### **Noise**

The combined operation of the MUF and the concrete plant will create noise far above approved levels. The 24/7 operation will result in a continuous level of noise that will create impossible conditions for nearby residents to obtain a good night's sleep. No sleep, lots of health problems, lots more pressure on the hospital and medical systems. Is Hansons or The Port Authority or The NSW Government going to pay my medical bills?

All noise measurement has been done from Distillery Drive well away from the area to be most affected by the development. All readings should be done from 2 Bowman Street which both the EIS and the Port Authority REF admits will be the most affected. Oh Joy! Something to aspire to - the most affected!

The ships that will be docking at Glebe Island are not modern cruise ships but cargo ships. They do not have the facility for ship to shore power and therefore there will be a constant noise emitted from them.

The Beeping of trucks reversing will be exacerbated as sound carries across water. Have you ever heard what beeping trucks are like in the dead of night? If this proposal goes ahead perhaps you could provide residents with megaphones so that they can yell across the water into the dead of night asking the trucks to stop beeping. This suggestion is as ludicrous as the proposed development. I cannot believe that I have to write to justify the lunacy of this whole proposal.

### **Air Pollution**

The cargo ships docking at Glebe Island will emit high levels of sulphur that are far above the recommended levels. The 24/7 operation will double the exposure of residents to the toxic fumes.

### **Dust Pollution**

The ships will be unloading thousands of tonnes of sand which means that fine dust particles will be emitted into the air and blown across the surrounding areas and into residents homes and lungs. This will be made worse when there is any wind especially as it is proposed that the trucks will not be covered. Will someone from the government visit me in hospital when I have lung disease? Will someone from the government come to my funeral to comfort my family?

### **Light Pollution**

The proposal places no restrictions on the use of lights on the ships and on Glebe Island. The 24/7 operation means that there will be lights shining into my bedroom all night. I am a very grumpy angry person when I don't get my sleep. Will the government pay for marriage counselling when, because I am sleep deprived I argue with my husband?

### **Road Traffic**

Using the figures quoted by Hanson and the Port Authority and a calculator because the figures defy belief, there will be between 3500 and 5000 truck movements a day. A day! Shall I repeat that? A day! Where are Hanson and The Port Authority going to send them? Over Anzac Bridge. That won't get them very far. Anzac Bridge is already choked with traffic. Through Rozelle? Good luck with that one. I don't go to Birkenhead Point on certain days of the week because it takes me an hour and a half to get there. Perhaps they should have spoken to the Roads Department before they proposed this. Oh dear. I forgot. They didn't ask them. They didn't even tell them.

### **Marine Safety**

Johnstons Bay is a very busy waterway with lots and lots of marine traffic coming and going into Blackwattle Bay. It is a hazardous entrance and exit to Blackwattle Bay. The cargo ships docked at Glebe Island will create greater congestion and a greater possibility of accidents.

### **Bays Precinct**

The proposed development is inconsistent with the 2000 Master Plan. The area has become a tourist destination and the postponed development will detract from the tranquility of the area and the attractiveness to tourists.

### **Aesthetics**

The proposed structures are completely lacking in aesthetic value and will be an over-scaled blot on the landscape between Rozelle and Pyrmont. It will hark back to an era of dirty, ugly industrial buildings and activities dumping high-level pollution of all types on existing and future residential areas. So much for the pleasant walkway round the area that is used by tourist and locals constantly. Won't the Sydney Marathon Runners love running through fume filled air when the ships are in port. What a great backdrop - cargo ships belching pollutants into the air along with cement dust and sand particles covering everything. Shall I write the Tourist brochure? I can see it now. 'Come visit Pyrmont and you too can experience toxic fumes, ugly buildings and old cargo ships'. Is the Government going to offer to supply amendments to all the tourist guides that suggest a walk along the foreshore at Pyrmont?

**I hope that I have made myself clear. I strongly object to the proposed development on Glebe Island. I don't care who it is, Hanson Concrete or the Port Authority, it is an inappropriate development and if the proposal for the Batching Plant and the MUF is approved by the Berejiklian Government then it is a disgraceful betrayal of the residents of Jacksons Landing.**