

OBJECTION TO:

- 1. Glebe Island Multi User Facility (MUF) – Ref Review of Environmental Factors (REF)**
- 2. Relocation of Hanson Construction concrete batching plant to Glebe Island**

We are residents at [redacted] Pyrmont and submit this objection to the above titled proposals by the Port Authority of NSW and Hanson Constructions respectively.

We are residents at an apartment overlooking Glebe Island and purchased in the area based on the fact that the 2000 Master Plan for Glebe Island and White Bay which described Glebe Island to be planned to be an "Innovation District". These proposals are a backward step reverting Glebe Island to a heavy industrial area with all the attendant environmental pollutions of noise, dust and light.

The proposed facilities are to be located within 200 to 250 meters of residential area and intended to operate 24/7. Consequently, following are issues of concern.

Health and Environmental Issues:

- Without ship to shore power berthed ships will run continuously resulting in night time noise level above EPA limits.
- The entire wharf area will be artificially lit which will impact on quality of sleep.
- Emissions from ships engines burning crude diesel will drift towards residential areas.
- Fine dust particles from unloading operations will severely impact air quality.

The REF does not assess adequately and, in many cases, none of the health impacts of these pollutants on residents.

Amenity Impacted:

- The waters and parkland around Glebe Island has seen a significant increase in amenity to tourism, sporting activities and pleasure craft. These activities will be severely hampered by the manoeuvring of large ships that will operate and berth on a permanent basis. Consequently, it will make these activities increasingly unsafe.
- The increase in amenity would be consistent with what was envisaged in the 2000 Master Plan.
- Excessive increase in truck movements will impact on traffic congestion, pollution and noise.

We understand that the REF is a self-assessment process by the Port Authority (PA) whereas the Hanson Construction proposal has to adhere to an extensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The attitude of the PA in their responses to the REF and during the community consultations has been dismissive to arrogant and unsympathetic to residents' concerns ie attempting to avoid undertaking an EIS as is required by Hanson. No attempt to establish mitigation measures. For example:

- Noise levels appear not meet EPA Act
- Dust and light pollution health effects have not been studied
- Statements by PA "if the noise and dust is too much just close your windows". The windows presumably have to be permanently closed. This has its own health issues not to mention environmental impact of air conditioning permanently operating.

In conclusion, alternatives to placing the MUF and Concrete Batching to areas other than Glebe Island should be considered and if alternatives are not possible the MUF must undergo an EIS just as Hanson Construction concrete batching is required to undergo.