

Objection: Application number: SSD 8544.

Berth 1 and land adjacent, Glebe Island, James Craig Road, Rozelle (lot 10 DP 11 707 10)
Applicant Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd
Council Area Inner West
Consent Authority Minister for Planning

Main reason for objection

I would like to object to the proposed Concrete Batching Plant proposed for Glebe Island.

As a nearby resident the workings of a heavy industrial site will have a hugely negative impact on the world-renowned redevelopment that is Jacksons Landing. Many years ago this site was derelict after the exiting industries that occupied the area moved on. NSW government planned this area and is now a world class example of urban renewal supporting a thriving community and coincidentally is the largest densely populated area in Australia.

To reintroduce heavy industry into this area would be a travesty. Not only for those people who live here but the many who use this area recreationally for walking, fishing, boating and of course the cruise ships using the cruise terminal at White Bay.

Lack of consideration for alternative sites

I can see the commercial viability of the site and Hanson's must be extremely pleased to be handed an option to this site. Have there been any other commercial companies that have been offered to tender? Not once, as far as I am aware, over the many years of discussion has this site been earmarked for such an impactful development.

Return to industrialised harbour at the expense of the local community

As residents we have been bombarded from all sides with development applications. We have been told that the Hanson's application, the Port Authority's Multi-User Facility and now the prospect of the workings of the Western Harbour Tunnel are all in prospect. Are we to believe that these three proposals have all come about independently? Should all of these proposals proceed Pyrmont will be once again identified as an industrial area to the detriment of the community.

What business or resident would want to be affected by the air pollution, noise pollution, and light pollution and poor visual amenity? We have been told that 24/7 working of the site with ships engines running constantly, truck movements and site workings. Not only when the site is operational but also during construction.

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Commercial profit above individual livelihood

Hanson will benefit financially but the local residents will see their quality of life and value of their home fall dramatically. We are not NIMBYs – this is our livelihood – with many having worked our entire life and depended on our property value to support our retirement.

Incorrect inference relating to truck movements, noise levels and marine impact

We have been told that the boats bringing in the aggregate will reduce truck movements – all that will happen is that the area will see a concentration of truck movements in an already congested area.

I would query the findings in the report especially concerning noise levels. We understand that the noise evaluation was based on a number of ships and then the outliers removed and averaged and was based on only one ship in at a time. I really do think that we should have the evaluation based on more than one ship and I would assume that there are only a limited number of ships that would deliver to Hanson's and so actually test their sound levels. We are told that the construction and operation of the site will be above normal permissible levels - so why is the that considered acceptable?

The Super Yacht marina at Rozelle generates a large number of marine movements. I do not believe that this has been factored into the proposal.

Conclusion

I thank you for the option of replying to this development proposal but I would urge you to reject this application. At no time has such a heavy industrial redevelopment of Glebe Island been raised prior to this application. Please consider the Bays Precinct Redevelopment with a view to a Master Plan that would be fitting of the Harbour City. I am concerned that the current piecemeal planning process will result in a fractured redevelopment of the area with the community paying the price.