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Re: Application number SSD 8544. Berth 1 and land adjacent, Glebe Island, James Craig Road, Rozelle (lot 10 DP 11 707 10)
Applicant Hansons Construction Materials Pty Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. Environmental impacts

Situating a cement factory in close proximity to apartments in Australia's most densely populated suburb is entirely inappropriate, leading to loss of amenity (in direct contravention of the principles of the Master Plan for White Bay and Glebe Island and the Bays Precinct) and will impose significant environmental impacts.

These include water pollution, air pollution, noise and light pollution on a 24 x 7 basis. The current EIS does not adequately reflect these impacts and I would argue strongly that an independent new EIS is required to properly assess environmental effects.

For residents, the combined effect of airborne pollutants, 24 x 7 noise and light affecting sleep is unacceptable at best and a health hazard at worst.

2. Safety

The waterway is heavily used by recreational traffic which, due to the narrow channel, will make berthing and manoeuvring extremely hazardous, significantly increasing the risk of accident.

3. Traffic

The proposed location will generate significant truck volumes with which local roads, already overburdened, will be unable to cope. This is an inner-city suburb with its attendant traffic problems already and it would be inadvisable to make current congestion and pollution levels worse.

4. Better alternatives exist

Port Botany is much better designed to cater for this type of land use. Basic land use planning criteria (in which I used to lecture) if applied to this locational decision, would not result in Glebe Island being considered as even remotely suitable for a noxious, ugly and environmentally damaging operation. I cannot think of any other world class city where a proposal such as this would even be contemplated, let alone reach planning evaluation stage as a serious proposition.

Yours faithfully

David Grafton