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The Director
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NSW Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Attention: Mr Karl Fetterplace

Re: OBJECTION – Hanson Concrete Plan Application at Berth 1 & Adjacent Land, Glebe Island

Application: SSD 8544

Dear Sir

I wish to register my strong concern and objection to the proposed relocation and expansion of the Hanson concrete plant and bulk aggregate facility in respect of Glebe Island Berth 1.

In 2000 when we moved into the Jacksons' Landing development it was on the understanding that the suburb was moving from industrial based to a more technology and environmentally friendly model. Even as recently as two years ago there have been promises of enhanced parkland and public walkways around the Bay Precinct. However, now without due consultation or consideration for the quality of life of Pyrmont or surrounding suburbs residents the area is being turned into a large scale industrialised development. I believe this proposed development will also have a wider negative impact on surrounding Pyrmont suburbs of Glebe and Rozelle.

The proposed development will impact not only the quality of our lives but potentially our health with increased dust and diesel output as the cargo ships will be running their engines constantly whilst berthed. This will result in both fumes and continuous low frequency engine noise. In addition there will be the associated noise of the trucks which will be engaged in the transport of the material carried by the ships.

Even currently the traffic flow around Pyrmont is adversely impacted by the number of trucks which are parked along Bank Street early in the morning waiting to pick up or drop off their loads. It is common to see seven or eight large, fully loaded, trucks blocking the road outside the evolve building when I leave for work around 7.30 am. With the 24/7 nature of this proposed development the traffic volume and associated road hazard caused by these trucks will only increase. I would also draw your attention to the City West Child Care centre which is housed in 132 Bank Street as I believe the pollution, noise and traffic hazards will negatively impact on this facility and the children/parents utilising it.

Finally, but in no way less important, is the negative impact this development will have on marine life, water quality and marine traffic in Johnstons Bay. Should the development proceed there will be multiple large ships berthed which will significantly impede the flow of narrow waterway proved by Glebe Island Bridge ad Rozelle Bay. Dust, waste, pollution and the anticipated oil slicks will negatively impact the water in Blackwattle and Johnstons Bay.

The Mayor of Sydney has often described her vision as being a “collective of villages” within a vibrant city. As a long term resident of Pyrmont I would like you to understand the importance to us, and passion we have, for our village of Pyrmont.

Please consider not only the current community of Pyrmont but, in your role as the NSW Government, work with us to ensure future generations can enjoy a peaceful, safe and environmentally friendly future by denying this application.

Yours faithfully

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