

NSW Department of Planning & Environment

To: Mr Karl Fetterplace

R.e. Objection to Project SSD #8544 Concrete Batching Plant, Glebe Island

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my strong objection to the proposed relocation and development of an aggregate handling facility and concrete batching plant at Glebe Island Berth 1.

I am particularly concerned by the inadequate EIS assessment of noise. The tables in Appendix D – Noise Impact Assessment, such as Tables 14 and 15 p25, use Refinery Drive as the Pymont location when the closest residential building is evolve*. It has been found historically that the noise scenario modelling is simply incorrect when relying on data from Refinery Drive. For example, when the EPA granted an EPL to Knauf Plasterboard P/L in 2013 – licence number 20330 – it was found that the noise levels at evolve* (who had to hire their own acoustic specialist to measure the noise) were far in excess of the EIS modelling and, in fact, Knauf had to cease night time activity. They too had relied to the same Refinery data as used in this EIS.

I have also found that ship noise is exacerbated by cycles of vibration noise as the ship empties like an empty drum.

Other non-trivial concerns include:

- The lack of shore-to-ship power, requiring constant running of ships' generators 24/7 and the associated diesel fumes
- The acknowledged breaking of some environmental limits
- The 24/7 period of operation
- No restriction on the number of truck and shipping movements
- The effect of significant truck movements upon surrounding roads
- The significant disturbance caused by reversing indicators, which experience tells me will occur despite the planned flow – the noise from reversing beepers coming from ship unloading at Glebe Island berths seven and eight (silos) is already most intrusive

I believe most residents realise that Sydney is a working harbour and are supportive. However this proposal is just so inconsistent with local residential development and ignores the fact that Pymont is Australia's most populous suburb. I believe the EIS gives lip service to environmental issues, which will be exacerbated if the MUF proceeds. I believe this proposal will create significant noise, light and air pollution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adrian Wolff
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