

E I S re Hanson's Proposal for Concrete Batching at Glebe Island

Mr Fetterplace,

Prior to any extension of activity being approved on Glebe Island, substantial improvements need to be made. The community is already facing overwhelming health and lifestyle impacts. Mandatory controls should be in place to protect the existing, densely populated residential community which adjoins the port and Glebe Island. These controls include a restriction on operations at night, mandatory use of shore to ship power, an enclosed facility and a solution to traffic movements.

a) Restrictions on night operation

Port operations need a curfew when they impinge so closely on residential dwellings. A 12 hour operation would allow adjoining neighbours some relief from the noise, light and dust associated with any unloading and processing operation.

b) Shore to ship power

Studies into impact of the Cruise Ship Terminal reveal that shore to ship power would reduce vibration and noise from generators. Berthed ships continue to run generators through the night so it should be mandated BEFORE approval is given that any new venture must include access and regulations that ships use shore power whilst they are berthed.

c) Enclosed facility & pipeline

Purpose built ships elsewhere contain their cargo so there is no spillage of dust when the unloading process is underway. If that target cannot be met, at the very least, an enclosed facility with noise and dust barriers and monitoring should be established. Rather than use trucks to bring cement from silos to the batching plant, a pipeline needs to be installed. That would assist in dust reduction.

d) Traffic solution

This is the most obvious and also most difficult aspect of any proposal for Glebe Island. Existing truck movements indicate future impacts on the road network. Already, Anzac Bridge backs up when cruise ship traffic is present. Other projects have been announced which will severely impede access to and from James Craig Rd. A marshalling yard for Westconnex and Sydney Metro at White Bay Power Station will be competing with trucks attempting to access this site.

Until mandatory controls, including a curfew, and support infrastructure are in place, this proposal is unworkable for the site and the community.

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