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Pyrmont NSW 2009

SUBMISSION TO THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION NSW

GLEBE ISLAND CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND AGGREGATE HANDLING FACILITY (SSD 8544)

I live at 2 Bowman Street Pyrmont 50-100 meters from the proposed Hanson Concrete Batching Plant. This is the closest residential building to this Development. There are over 33,300+ people living at Jacksons Landing who will be negatively impacted by this huge Batching Plant and Aggregate handling facility.

I am writing to address my most serious concerns:

**24 HOUR OPERATION**

**I ask that a night time curfew between 9.00 pm and 7.00 am be adopted to prevent disruptions to residents’ sleep.** Twenty four hours a day operations is disruptive to living, importantly sleep and our wellbeing and in particular the closest residents at 2 Bowman Street.

Our health will be in danger especially due to the noise and vibration associated with tugs and ships arriving or leaving 24 hours a day. The vibration of tugs and ships engines are very invasive and disrupt sleep.

There have been many occasions already when we have been woken by noisy tugs and ships arriving and departing at night; and we have phoned the Port Authority to complain of excessive noise at night, along with bright lights.

The new Port Policy aims to manage noise in a way that is acceptable to the community, port users and other stake holders while recognising and optimising Glebe Island and White Bay’s ongoing, long-term status as a working port.

**I do not believe the noise from ships, tugs and port operations have been addressed. They have failed to meet their objective and this is unacceptable for a Facility facing a populated residential area with around 33,000+ residents.**

**EXISTING USE RIGHTS FOR THE PORT FACILITY SHOULD NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE REASON TO DISREGARD THE HEALTH RISK TO NEARBY RESIDENTS.**

**I believe a reasonable compromise is that ship movements in and out of Glebe Island and the opening and closing of ship hatches not be allowed during the hours of 11.00 pm and 7.00 am.**

**DUST/AIR POLLUTION IMPACT/NOXIOUS GASES**

I am also very concerned with air quality and our right to breathe ‘fresh clean air’. Clean air is fundamental to healthy human life and yet we are told to shut our windows and doors and turn on our air conditioners. Air pollution has no boundaries. Nearby residents health is at risk.

**Nowhere have I been informed of the cumulative effects of the Hanson EIS and the Port Authority relating to air pollution.**

One only need to look at the old Hanson plant on Pyrmont Bridge Road to see how clouded in dust emission it was, as is the existing Hymix plant in Bank Street.

**Hanson should be required to have ongoing and up-to-date air quality testing done, monitored to avoid risks to health and transparent reports are provided frequently to the public.**

**LIGHTING**

The night lighting currently at Glebe Island and the EIS reports that the potential lighting impacts on Pyrmont will add to this form of pollution. It will be difficult for this residential area to have bright lighting 24 hours a day opposite their living rooms, bedroom areas and balconies. The light impact is unacceptable for the closest residents at 2 Bowman Street.

If this proposal proceeds I ask that no lights are directed south of the facility and that lights be directed at the onshore facilities only. Hanson and Port Authority should work together to ensure that light spill makes minimal impact on affected residential areas from both on shore and on ship sources.

**TRUCKS**

While it has been indicated less concrete trucks state-wide will be on roads, there will be hugely increased numbers of concrete trucks concentrated in our area. It is indicated between 3,000 – 5,000 trips per day.

**Again I cannot find a cumulative effect of the number of Hanson trucks and the Multi User Facility trucks.**

These are my most serious concerns with this huge Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to write this submission.