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Glebe Island Concrete Batching Plant and Aggregate Handling Facility SSD 8544

Part 2

I am writing further to my submission of 20 May. I wish to make one further point.

Lighting

In concluding lighting would not be a problem with the Hanson proposal, the department says “the site has existing floodlights, and considers it sits within **a well-lit context**, with existing floodlights installed on adjoining sites including the ANZAC Bridge”.

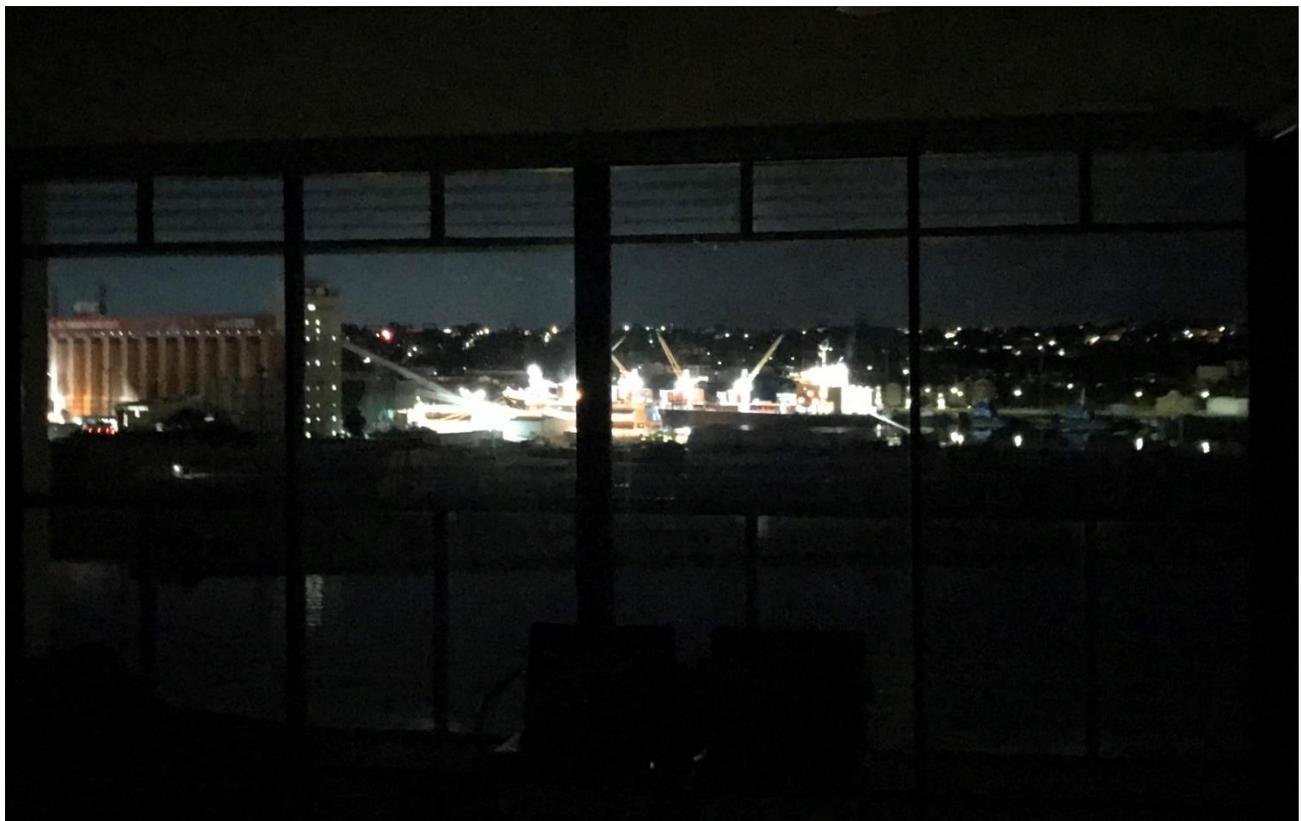


This photo from our apartment shows that that statement is simply incorrect. The site is in darkness. It is not within “a well-lit context” with “existing floodlights installed on adjoining sites”. You can see from this photo that the Sydney City Marine buildings are

in darkness, as are the Glebe Island silos. Significantly, the latter are subject to a lighting curfew. There are no floodlights from the ANZAC bridge down on the site. This is yet another example of the glib, self-serving assertions made in the assessment that do not bear scrutiny.

The major sources of light in the above photo are the lights of Annandale beyond the Sydney City Marine buildings and the area to the right near GI Berth 7 on the other side of Glebe Island.

If the Hanson application were to be approved, the darkness that is the current status quo on the proposed site would be totally transformed. The impact can be illustrated by a photo taken a week ago showing the lights of a ship berthed at GI Berth 7. Those lights are highly intrusive even though the ship is 700ms away.



Imagine if a bulk carrier lit up like that were sitting at GI Berth 1. It would flood the surrounding area with light. The light spill would be highly invasive for the apartments just across the water at Jacksons Landing. The following photo taken from GI Berth 1 shows just how close those apartments are to that berth. It is difficult to overstate how bad the lighting impact would be. Yet the department's assessment barely acknowledges the issue.

