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Hansons Concrete Batching Plant, Glebe Island

Thank you for the opportunity to make a presentation to the public hearing on 17 May, 2021. I have received links to subsequent correspondence between the proponent, DPIE and the Commission, and make these further comments.

Transportation of Materials – We strongly favour transportation of raw materials by ship and note that Hansons has increased the amount to be so transported to 1,000,000pa, with 500,000pa to be transported by road to the site.

Landscaping – We note the recommendations of DPIE that the proponent submit further details of measures to soften the visual impact of the proposal and support the recommendation that the determination should include a Landscape Plan to include details of planting and maintenance. In addition to the proposed green wall, we suggest that it may be possible for trees/shrubs to be planted on the Glebe Island Bridge abutment, noting that the Bays West Place Strategy foreshadows either the renovation of the existing bridge or the construction of a new, higher bridge to connect Glebe Island with Pyrmont for active transport. The design of a new bridge may provide an opportunity to link to a structure which could be constructed over both the plant and Ports' MUF as part of the implementation of the BWPS's Eastern Glebe Island Precinct, a measure we strongly support.

Sustainability – We are disappointed that neither the IPCN, nor DPIE has raised the opportunity to install on Glebe Island a solar power plant with battery storage to serve both the batching plant and the MUF. Similarly, we urge the IPCN to recommend the exploration of conversion of the ships' engines to enable connection to shore solar power whilst moored at Glebe Island. This would not only minimize greenhouse gas emissions, but also reduce the noise of the ships' engines while berthed.

Transportation of Concrete – We are similarly disappointed that our recommendation for investigation into barge transport of concrete has not been explored by the parties.

Consultation – As stressed in our original submission on this project, we urge both Hansons and Ports Authority to work closely with the affected communities to ensure that adverse impacts do not occur and, if they do, that prompt measures will be taken to address them. We also ask that the community be consulted in the development of the Public Art and Landscaping Plans, noting the very successful workshop conducted for the Ports Authority re the treatment of the E façade of the MUF on Glebe Island.



As stated in our original submission and at the IPCN hearing, Pymont Action Inc supports the continued use of Glebe Island as a working port and will be happy to work with Hansons and the Ports Authority to ensure that the port can co-exist successfully with its nearby residential neighbours.

Yours sincerely,

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