

PROPOSED YARRA BAY MEGA-CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL EMAIL FROM A CONCERNED LITTLE BAY RESIDENT TO THE PORT AUTHORITY

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To: Have Your Say - Cruise <haveyoursaycruise@portauthoritynsw.com.au>

Subject: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OVER THE DESTRUCTION OF YARRA BAY - WHAT A SHAM!!!!

Dear Sir/Madam

Recently we attended the sham you called a community consultation at the Prince Henry Centre and it's clear from your summary of the "feedback" you received from the community that you still don't get it.

You attended the information session held at the Yarra Bay Sailing Club where a large number of very significant issues were outlined by subject matter experts to your representatives and we repeated some of this information to your representatives at the consultation, but none of these concerns have been reflected in any of your summaries.

The NSW and Federal Governments have made a decision to justify the construction of a cruise terminal at Yarra Bay despite having ample existing berthing facilities at Garden Island that could easily be used for accommodating additional cruise ships during the cruise season. There are no security issues with using some of the berths at Garden Is and this has been confirmed by Peter Colins – a senior Naval officer who was commissioned by the Govt to carry out a feasibility study into a number of potential sites for a second cruise terminal. In fact, we boarded the Queen Mary which was berthed at Garden Is the first time she came to Sydney. Malcolm Turnbull's decision to reject Garden Is as the site for a second cruise terminal was therefore flawed.

You claim that you have surveyed "thousands of passengers and they don't care where their cruise departs from", but the reality is that any passenger you talk to on board a cruise will tell you that one of the highlights of their voyage is departing Sydney Harbour at sunset and arriving back at sunrise – however if your survey contradicts this we'd love to see the full survey findings and the actual results – including how the survey questions were framed so that the results could be tested.

Likewise, an unredacted copy of the strategic business case and Peter Colin's feasibility study should both be released so the reasons for Malcolm Turnbull's flawed decision determined at a public enquiry.

The NSW Govt's refusal to provide these and other critical documents for independent review and assessment only serves to confirm that Yarra Bay is NOT a feasible option on ANY grounds and the NSW Govt is attempting to bluff the public into thinking that a rigorous assessment process is being followed when nothing could be further from the truth.

Given the well documented, huge potential impacts to Yarra Bay and the surrounding community we require the NSW Govt to hold a public enquiry into this project without delay.