

To: The Independent Planning Commission
24 May 2021

Submission opposing the Glebe Island Concrete Batching plant and Aggregate Handling Facility

The Glebe Society strongly objects to the above plant.

The Society has 400 members who live in Glebe and the surrounding area. For 52 years we have fought to improve the environment of Glebe. In particular, the Society led the fight to establish the extremely popular foreshore walk around Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

The Society looks forward to the continuation of that walk around White Bay, as planned under the Bays West Strategy. We also advocate the restoration of the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian and cycle path.

The proposed Batching Plant and Handling Facility will consist of a 24/7 operation, out of six 34 metre high silos and six 25 metre concrete batch silos, along with other infrastructure. They will be supplied by ships, and the concrete and aggregate will be moved out by truck at the rate of 182 per hour.

We believe this will seriously impede the development of a waterfront path and that it will be detrimental to pedestrian and cyclist movement in the area. It is contrary to the promises of increased access to the water and the waterfront under the Bays West Strategy.

Further, the shipping will damage the ecology of the local waters, as well as creating far too much noise, both from machinery and from the on-board generators. It should be pointed out that noise carries clearly over water, and will affect Glebe residents.

The huge number of truck movements will create a huge traffic problem along a section of road that is already severely impacted by Westconnex construction.

We strongly oppose what will be the placement of heavy industry on the inner city waterfront. We find this incongruous with the removal of the container loading terminal from the same site to the more distant and appropriate Port Botany to alleviate heavy vehicle movements from the inner harbour.

The Society acknowledges that Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd was required to relocate after being displaced by the New Sydney Fish Markets but does not accept that a new facility needs to be the size of the one proposed. The old batching plant on Bridge Road, Glebe, was smaller and did not operate under such anti-social conditions.

Yours faithfully,

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