

24 February 2014

The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC Minister for Roads and Ports Level 35 Governor Macquarie Tower 1 Farrer Place Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Minister

Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal Upgrade

I write on behalf of constituents adjacent to the Overseas Passenger Terminal who are concerned about potential impacts from the proposed upgrade.

I understand that the proposed project is being determined under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which means Sydney Ports is both the proponent and consent authority. My constituents say this means the proposal will go ahead with little opportunity for community input or environmental assessment, with works expected to commence in April. I share their concern that there is little public information on the project and the Review of Environmental Factors expected to be released in May.

My constituents are concerned that the proposal will create impacts for adjacent residents including noise, particularly from PA systems; air and water pollution from more and larger ships; and traffic and public transport congestion from additional visitors. They say that larger ships berthing at West Circular Quay will block views and vistas between Circular Quay East and The Rocks, which are important to residents, businesses and visitors.

I share constituents' concern that Sydney Ports should provide a full Environment Impact Statement and with public submissions assessed and final determination by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Could you please ensure my constituents' concerns are addressed and that there is proper community consultation and independent assessment of the proposed project?

Yours sincerely

Alex Greenwich **Member for Sydney**

