

# SAVE YARRA BAY

## No Cruise Ships



Save the Bay Coalition



Welcome to *Issue 1* of the **Save Yarra Bay Coalition Newsletter**.

The publication is designed to complement our Facebook page and Website by chronicling our journey so far and into the future.

We aim to bring you updates and information on our activities and how you can get involved. We will also provide you with the facts about why a cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay is just bad policy.

This is much bigger than any NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) argument. So much is at risk.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and that it inspires you to support our fight in any way you can.

Join us on 15 March for Save Yarra Bay Protest Flotilla (details p2).

## IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL

*People everywhere say "but isn't it a done deal?"*

*That's what the promoters of this ridiculous policy want you to believe....it promotes apathy and makes their job easier.*

Here at the Save the Bay Coalition, we know rumours are circulating. They say we are flogging a dead horse. Give up, it's a fait accompli.

In our David v Goliath struggle, the government's Public Relations army would have us believe those rumours. It's a tactical ploy to get us to give in and make it easier for them to steamroll this ridiculous proposal with no opposition.

Now, more than ever, we need to continue to fight for the Bay. We must show them they have no social licence to destroy our beaches and beautiful bay at Yarra.

### **Six reasons why it's not a done deal:**

1. The "detailed business case" has not been finalised. This means they still have to address issues of social and environmental impact.
2. Planning approval has not yet been given.

### **3. The NSW government has run out of money.**

Their vanity project relies on private investment. We can demonstrate that the risk to investment groups is too high. They want to locate 2x mega cruise ships 200m from major above-and- below-ground fuel and gas storage, as well as dredging over the site of fuel lines at Mollineux Point. This is an extremely risky proposition and an investment to avoid.

4. The mega cruise ship industry economic model is facing dwindling return due to global health emergencies such as Corona virus and growing concern about its environmental impact.

5. As a coalition we have powerful political and social networks working with us.

6. There is still time to demonstrate that this proposal is cultural and environmental vandalism. We have a voice that needs to be heard, and we can stop this ridiculous project.

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**Every weekend in summer** We are manning a permanent weekend beach stall at Yarra Bay beach. We also have pop-up stalls at other beaches all summer. The stalls will also pop up on crowded days throughout the year  
**Every day** Bayside and Randwick City Councils will be blitzing their Council areas with signs, banners and flags

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## Yarra Bay water and beach protest – Sunday 15 March

Please join us from 11:30am for a water and beach protest against the NSW Government's proposal to build a mega cruise ship terminal.



Bring your sailing dinghies, catamarans, kayaks, canoes, inflatables, surfboards, paddleboards, speedboats, surfboats, launches, dinghies, tinnies, dragon boats, swan boats and outriggers or just come and play on the beach

The Final Business Case for the proposal will be completed mid-year. After that, Cabinet will decide on spending hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to ruin one of Sydney's precious bays and beaches for the benefit of the Royal Caribbean shipping company.

We only have a few months to make our voices heard and demonstrate community outrage! It is now or never to Fight for the Bay! Now or never to stop the next instalment of madness from the people who brought you the **Light Rail Fiasco!**



We aim to fill Yarra Bay with a protest flotilla including anything that is safe to float!

For those who prefer Terra firma, bring signs and banners, towels, tents and umbrellas to contribute to an on-beach installation and other events.

The day will culminate in a photo/drone capture at 1 PM when all the pleasure craft are on the water and in place – and a few words from our local leaders!

If you are bringing anything that floats (decorated with protest banners if possible), it will help us to plan if you can let our Flotilla Manager Chris know – just send an email to [Flotilla\\_Registration@outlook.com](mailto:Flotilla_Registration@outlook.com) with the Subject line "15 March protest" and include:

- vessel name
- vessel owner's name
- mobile contact no
- radio fitted UHF/VHF
- club launching from
- radio call sign
- ETA Yarra Bay



