#### 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 promotors 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- belowground 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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#### 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 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

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#### **Bayside Council has requested the Port Authority to:**

- Expand the scope of its business case to reconsider overall impacts on the whole of Botany Bay
- Reopen investigations of the Garden Island site as per Peter Collins report
- Commence genuine engagement with the whole of Botany Bay impacted communities and local councils to ensure decision making reflects community views

You can leave a comment on Bayside's website: Haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

#### How YOU can help STOP this crazy proposal

- Check out the <u>Take Action Page</u> on the Save Yarra Bay website. There is so much that everyone can do to with very little effort.
- Phone calls, emails and letters are ultimately more effective than engaging with the Have your Say page on the Port Authority Website.
- Importantly: keep writing to Andrew Constance, the Premier, other relevant NSW
  Ministers, the CEO of the Port Authority, and the Prime Minister. Copy your responses to
  both the Minister AND the Port Authority.

## The Save the Bay Coalition has requested the following information from Government:

Substantive and to scale drawings identifying the locations of proposed

berths breakwaters land reclamations

land acquisitions terminal structures roadworks

and other infrastructure for each of the options being considered for the proposed mega cruise ship terminal.

- Preliminary environmental impact assessments for the above.
- Early estimates of total cost for each option.

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- The results of the preliminary strategic business case and justification for the claim that the proposal is technically feasible.
- Information the Port Authority has shared or plans to share with the cruise line industry, as part of the market sounding process.

## The Port Authority has stated clearly that it will not share any of this with the community.

We insist that consultation must begin with us being granted access to the above strategic phase information, and permission to share it with our community of stakeholders.

Until we know what the Port Authority proposes to build, it cannot be said that we have been consulted.

Thank you, Chris Giugni, for taking on the role of Newsletter Writer/Coordinator.

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