

# ARE YOU HAPPY FOR HANSON TO BUILD A LARGE CONCRETE PLANT ON GLEBE ISLAND?



IF SO, DO  
NOTHING.

IF NOT, THIS IS  
YOUR LAST  
CHANCE TO LODGE  
A PROTEST WITH  
THE IPC

Ignoring nearly every objection we raised with them over the past 18 months, the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPI&E) has lodged its recommendation with the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to approve an application from Hanson Australia **to build a huge concrete batching plant on Glebe Island.**

In the past, the Planning Commission has followed DPI&E recommendations about 80% of the time, **unless there has been widespread community objection to a proposal** they are considering.

In its recommendation, the DPI&E justifies its assessment as being in the public interest, **despite thousands of objections** by way of submission on the EIS and a petition sent to Parliament with over 1000 signatures.

## THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS IN PYRMONT AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS DO NOT WANT THE HANSON PROPOSAL TO GO AHEAD, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS

**NOISE.** The Hanson plant will make a lot of noise when operating. The existing Hymix plant (100% owned by Hanson) in Bank Street near the Fish Market makes a huge amount of noise, and their proposed Glebe Island plant will be larger and therefore noisier.

Noise will also come from ships berthed and Glebe Island Berths 1 and 2. Their proposal is for 120 large ships unloading sand, gravel and other materials. Those ships will **run their engines day and night** causing significant noise and pollution.



Hanson says they will follow the “Port Noise Protocol” set by the NSW Port Authority (NSWPA) from January 2021. We have lodged formal protests that **the allowable noise levels in that protocol are far too lenient** so close to a residential area. Nor does the Port Authority do much about it if a ship exceeds those high levels. A letter or phone call to the owners, a slap on the wrist, nothing else. In the past ten years there is no record of the Port Authority having taken any ship owner to court or securing a fine or a conviction. In other words, they are a toothless tiger.

**DUST.** Look at the Hymix plant and see the large amount of cement dust it emits. Go to their Enfield plant and you can see dust on the surrounding houses and streets. Over the past five years, Enfield Council has **issued many breach notices to Hanson for noise and dust offences.**

**AIR POLLUTION.** On top of the visible dust, **concrete plants emit significant gases and other invisible particles into the air.** Ships moored at Glebe Island run their engines 24/7 and emit significant particles of PM2, a substance which causes great concern to the World Health Organisation.

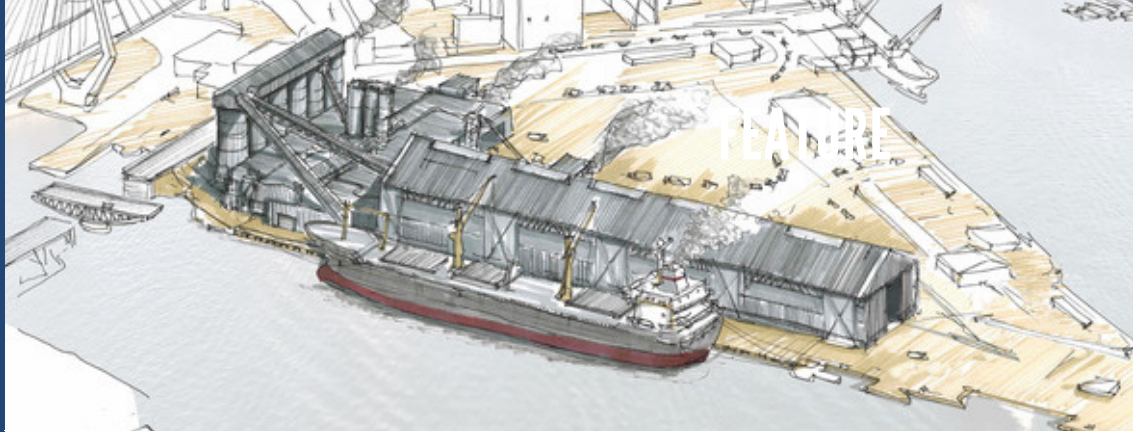
**24/7 OPERATION.** Hanson is requesting and the DPI&E has recommended they be allowed to operate **24 hours a day 7 days a week.** Is this what we want so near to the place we live? What happens to the “quiet enjoyment” residents are entitled to and expect?

**SIGHTLINES.** The Hanson plant would be almost as high as the existing Cement Australia silos, **obliterating the sightlines to the iconic ANZAC bridge.** Do we want our views of a beautiful bridge to be obliterated by a factory?

**TRUCK TRAFFIC.** The proposed plant will cause a **huge increase in heavy truck traffic.** Upwards of 3000 trucks a day or 21,000 trucks\* a week will be driving in and out of Glebe Island, on top of the hundreds of additional trucks each day servicing the silos at Cement Australia and the MUF.

All of these trucks will have to use James Craig Road, the only road in and out of Glebe Island and will add instant overload to the new road infrastructure around the Anzac Bridge and WestConnex, not to mention substantial airborne pollution to the inner west.

\*N.B: the truck figures are taken from the Hanson EIS submission, and another EIS from Concrete Australia to double its volume in the next 12 to 18 months.



Add to this the trucks and buses going to and from the White Bay Cruise terminal when cruise ships start again, and you have a recipe for significant traffic congestion and gridlock in peak hours.

**GLEBE ISLAND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.** Recently we have seen the Bays West Strategic Plan which includes restoration of the old Glebe Island swing bridge to provide a pedestrian walkway and cycleway. We understand this plan has the support of NSW Planning and Open Spaces Minister Rob Stokes.

If this plan eventuates, those pedestrians and cyclists will be passing within a few metres of a noisy, dusty, air pollution emitting concrete batching plant. How can that be tolerated or permitted? **What will that do for the health of pedestrians and cyclists wanting to exercise in fresh air?** How can the Minister support the pedestrian and cycling bridge and also permit a concrete batching plant to be built on Glebe Island?

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS?

Please do not stand back and think “there is nothing I can do”. **There is certainly something you can do.**

**Here's how you can help:**

**AS A SPEAKER.** The IPC is holding a Public Meeting as it considers the DPI&E recommendation to approve the Hanson proposal. You are encouraged to register to speak. Here is the login:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2021/04/glebe-island-concrete-batching-plant-and-aggregate-handling-facility-ssd-8544>

Speakers are limited to 5 minutes each, so you will need to have a few points ready. You do not have to take the whole 5 minutes. **One or two points made succinctly will have excellent impact.** Please include local and personal impacts in what you say – the Commissioners want to know how this would affect you and your family personally. The more personal and local references you include the better.

# WE CAN STOP THE HANSON PLANT IF ENOUGH OF US TAKE ACTION



PLEASE TAKE  
ACTION TODAY

THE DEADLINE IS 9  
MAY

**IN WRITING.** Using the prior link, you can log onto the IPC website and lodge a written protest.

**Here are some guidelines to help you write in:**

- 1.** Using the points prior, or anything else which concerns you, write a short letter to the IPC. It does not matter whether you write one paragraph or two or more. The key thing is that you register your concern.
- 2.** The more personal references you can include the better. How would the Hanson plant on Glebe Island affect you and your family?
- 3.** Please keep your letter short and to the point. Select a few points from the list prior and summarise your concerns.
- 4.** Include your name and address where appropriate on the website. Anonymous protests are worthless.

To make an impact, **we need more than 200 written protests**, and as many speakers as we can find. It is not important how long or short your letter is. **The fact that you are concerned and take the trouble to write in, or to speak, is, is what matters.**

Please share this with any of your friends who live in Pyrmont or nearby suburbs and will be impacted if the Hanson plant is approved.

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