



**From the
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Councillor Joe Awada



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Councillor Steve Christou
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Dear Councillor Christou

Re: Proposed cruise ship terminal for Botany Bay

I write on behalf of Bayside Councillors, our residents, local business communities and visitors to our local beaches, to seek Cumberland Council's support for the campaign to stop the proposed cruise ship terminal in Botany Bay.

The NSW Government is proposing to construct a mega cruise ship terminal in Yarra Bay, located to the immediate east of Port Botany. Whilst the proposed terminal would be completely within the boundaries of Randwick City Council, this is a whole of Botany Bay issue and affects all the beach areas therein, and everyone who enjoys these beaches, including residents of Cumberland.

At the meeting of 13 November 2019, Bayside Council formally resolved to join with Randwick City Council, to strongly oppose the proposal, and to contact all Councils whose communities would be impacted should this proposal go ahead.

The beaches of Botany Bay, including Lady Robinsons Beach in Brighton-Le-Sands, provide a safe and welcoming environment and, as such, are the local beaches for people from a multitude of cultural backgrounds and practices. The beaches of Botany Bay, stretching from La Perouse to Kurnell, are popular, family friendly beaches, with the low swells allowing protected swimming areas and recreational activities such as boating and fishing.

The proposed terminal would alter sea conditions and wave patterns throughout Botany Bay, threatening the very existence of our beaches and destroying many species of marine life. The dredging of the port, which is required to berth large cruise ships, poses a significant threat to coastal areas as high, redirected swells would cause large waves in locations that currently have protected beaches.

Areas, including pristine national parks, would experience these changed conditions and the destruction of sandy beach areas. The sea bed sediment which would be disturbed by the dredging works would unleash decades of industrial contamination, to be washed onto beaches throughout Sydney.

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Access to Botany Bay beaches would also be adversely affected with the Eastern Economic Corridor coming to a standstill with increased traffic movements of trucks and services associated with a cruise terminal facility in Yarra Bay.

Our beaches are priceless and everyday Australians have a history of rejecting business proposals that would remove their access and use of their local beach. The beaches of Botany Bay matter and deserve the same protection as all beaches throughout Sydney.

I ask that you join with Bayside Council, Randwick City Council and the growing number of voices that are sending a clear message to the NSW Government – No Cruise Ship Terminal in Botany Bay.

To join the fight I ask that you:

- make representations to the NSW Premier and the Prime Minister,
- promote our message on social media and your Council website, and
- encourage residents to lobby their local MPs, the Premier and the Prime Minister.

More information can be found on Bayside's [have your say](#) website.

My fellow Councillors and I look forward to working with the Cumberland Council to oppose this proposal. I would be happy to discuss this further with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely



Joe Awada
Mayor

cc Bayside Councillors
Mayor Danny Said, Randwick City Council