

Botany Bay and Catchment Alliance

22nd February, 2006

The Secretary
Senate Environment
Communications Information Technology and the Arts References Committee Parliament
House
Canberra ACT 2600

Inquiry - Resources for Australia's parks and marine protected areas

Dear Senators

Our submission to this enquiry is classified under Term of Reference "c".
Any threats to the objectives and management of our national parks, other conservation reserves and marine protected areas.

There is a massive threat to the Towra Point Reserve in Botany Bay, NSW. This Reserve is protected under the Ramsar agreement as a wetland of international significance. The threat is the expansion of Port Botany by the NSW government.

The expansion requires approval by the Commonwealth Government. We submit it should not be approved due to the environmental damage to Botany Bay. Furthermore the expansion is not in the national interest for a variety of reasons too numerous and lengthy to form part of this submission.

You will find below extracts titled: "Terrestrial and marine environment" and "Hydrodynamics of Botany Bay" from a submission to the Port Botany enquiry by Dr Fred Bell on behalf of the Oatley Flora and Fauna Society. The Society is a member of the Botany Bay and Catchment Alliance.

The BBACA committee requests the opportunity to appear before your Senate Committee to answer questions and submit further information.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson