

SOUTH SYDNEY AMATEUR FISHING ASSOCIATION INC

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THESE DEATHS ON FORESHORE RD?

To all concerned anglers in NSW,

Sydney Ports would have us believe that it is a good corporate citizen and that the community is happy to have the new Port Botany facility on its doorstep.

Whilst negotiations have been continuing with our local members about extracting fair compensation for losing 100 ha of Botany Bay and getting a better boat ramp built for us, we may have been blind sided to the fact that there are members of the community unnecessarily losing their lives on the very roads surrounding the Port.

Nothing to do with us says Sydney Ports; we are only concerned about what is happening inside the Port.

We have seen cars running under trucks that are doing u-turns on the streets leading to and from the Port, trucks queuing on the streets surrounding the Port and we have seen fatalities on Foreshore Rd adjacent to the Port. Last weekend we witnessed first hand another tragedy when a vehicle ran into the rear of one of the many empty container trailers parked on Foreshore Road.

The young driver killed in this accident was someone's child, sibling or grandchild. The car exploded into flames when it collided with the trailer – one of 40 parked trailers we counted on the very same day.





It is not the trucking company's fault or the truck drivers. The responsibility rests with the SPC and the NSW Government for failing to address the need for adequate off street parking for trucks and trailers. The contempt SPC and the NSW Government has shown the local community is despicable. The facilities at the Port and associated road /rail infrastructure cannot support the current level of operation, and yet SPC has been given the green light to expand its operation.

Sydney Ports tells us it is not responsible for the trucks and trailers that service the Port. All this while increasing the truck movements in and around the area of Botany from 25% to 40% or from 2913 trucks per day in 2003 to more than 4700 trucks per day in 2021. It seems that beyond the insulated world of servicing ships at the Port complex, SPC has no regard for the safety and wellbeing of the broader community.

For all those who have been following our 'discussions' with Sydney Ports about the lack of adequate parking in our proposed new boat ramp facility and along Foreshore Rd, the latest car count on Foreshore Rd was 127 cars at 3.05pm on Sunday the 18th of November. We have been provided with 10 dedicated car parking spots in the proposed new boat ramp and maybe 30 additional car parks in a proposed parking area that SPC may or may not build. That's 87 car parking spots short according to our calculations.

With the expanded Port due to be built and operational by the next NSW State Election, I would be worried if I was Premier lemma. Throw the desalination plant into the mix and you have a lot of very disenchanting voters.

The SPC is not interested in listening to the concerns of the community and its attitude is if you have a problem take it up with the Government. We implore you to do just that. Detailed below are contact details for local politicians involved with the Port Botany Expansion. SSAFA also believes that it is appropriate that the Consultative Committee, the Minister for Ports and the Premier of NSW be updated as well. So who ever you chose to write to, send a copy of the letter to everyone listed,

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Alternatively feel free to contact us or drop into our fishing club on the corner of Hastings and Macquarie Streets Chifley. We are open every Wednesday night from 7pm and willing to listen to whatever you have to say - unlike some.

Finally, have a close look at the signage below and make up your own mind. This sign is on the perimeter of the Port on Penrhyn Rd, 50 meters from Foreshore Rd. Next time you see a trailer parked on Foreshore Rd or parked in your street be mindful of that fact that Sydney Ports and the NSW Government is happy to expand the Port, attract up to 4700 trucks, trailers and containers per day to the area, just don't park them any where near 'their' Port, its not "their" problem.

