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I am long term resident of Potts Point, living in a building adjacent to Garden Island.

I understand a plan of works to develop the Northern wharf at Garden Island is under consideration and that consultation meetings were recently held with residents. We received no notice of these meetings.

I'm writing to voice concern about the increase in noise and pollution these works will cause to residents in the area. There is little to indicate that the Navy will monitor and minimise the impact of building works.

Many residents have repeatedly complained about the increase in noise from Garden Island over the last five years. In addition to almost constant diesel fumes from ships berthed in the dock, work hours on the ships have seamlessly extended into the night - power tools are now used past 9pm and sometimes all night. Strong lights are kept on at all hours. Security exercises are of course necessary but the current decibel level is beyond the pale. Alarm systems go off at all hours and often take over an hour to fix.

I live opposite the newly opened up playing field (inside the Kuttabul area). This means in addition to all of the above I'm treated to the weekly noise of football games, music, loud cheering etc.

Calls to the naval yard about this are handled politely but little changes.

Promises to minimise noise when the works commence are not reassuring given the above.

I moved into the area understanding that the Navy was here - most of us accept there will be noise from a working dockyard.

However, we also live here. This is the most dense residential area in Australia. Any building works in the neighbourhood need to take that into consideration.

A properly organised meeting to address these concerns would be welcome.

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