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Submission in support of enhanced cruise ship access to Garden Island, Sydney

This submission is to express Taronga Conservation Society Australia's support of enhanced cruise ship access to Garden Island.

In response to Sydney's demand to accommodate increased numbers of visiting cruise ships, Taronga notes the following considerations:

- There is definitely a need for further port space east of the harbour bridge to support ongoing development and increased cruise traffic into Sydney.
- Utilising Garden Island is a good use of existing facilities.
- Recognising cruise industry growth projections together with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) fleet expansion of six new large ships in the near future, alternate moorings are likely to be required.
- Traffic congestion is prone to be problematic between Garden Island and Sydney City.
- Significant value is to be gained by retaining a dry dock in Sydney versus the major expense of relocating to an alternate site such as Jervis Bay.

With these considerations in mind, Taronga recommends:

- Full support for the review and future shared use of Garden Island as an additional site for cruise ships.
- An additional mooring area at Bradley's Head is utilised. Such a location would work similarly to mooring areas across Europe where tourists are transferred from Ship to land via tender boat transfers. This site is also within 500m of a Sydney Ferry wharf at Taronga Zoo, with Ferry services running every 30minutes. Tender transfers would run from Ship to Circular Quay and/or Ship to Taronga Zoo wharf.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider our submission and recommendations and appreciate that Taronga continues to be consulted through the process.

Yours sincerely,



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