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Overnight cruise ship visits to White Bay suspended pending new ultra-low sulphur fuel regulation

The Port Authority of NSW has responded to community concerns and immediately suspended all overnight cruise ship visits to White Bay until the NSW EPA has regulated ultra-low sulphur fuel use for ships berthing at the terminal.

Port Authority of NSW CEO, Grant Gilfillan, said previous overnight cruise ship visits to White Bay Cruise Terminal and the adjoining berth named White Bay 4 had caused concern to some residents, particularly unscheduled overnight arrivals.

The first people to hear about this voluntary measure were members of the Port Authority's Glebe Island and White Bay Community Liaison Group, when they met on Monday evening.

The next scheduled overnight cruise ship arrival at White Bay Cruise Terminal is not until 18-19 December 2015.

Nonetheless, the Port Authority's suspension of overnight cruise ship visits to White Bay will continue until the NSW EPA regulation is implemented.

After the regulation is in place, vessels will only be able to berth overnight inside White Bay if they are in compliance with the regulation.

The temporary moratorium is subject to maritime safety and emergency considerations and legitimate legal instruction, including by regulatory authorities such as the various Commonwealth border agencies.

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