

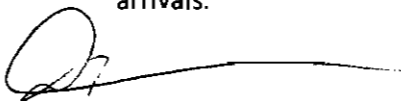
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**Subject: Enhanced Cruise Ship Access to Garden Island**

Garden Island offers a number of advantages for the berthing of cruise ships upon entering Sydney Harbour.

1. Garden Island is big enough to cater for cruise ships both in terms of deep harbour/berthing capacity.
2. Garden Island has adequate capacity to share alongside shore berthing for offloading/onloading of passengers. There is enough room for naval vessels to also berth there as well (i.e. in front or behind).
3. Garden Island is in close proximity to the CBD of Sydney and nearby tourist attractions. There is much more visual appeal for passengers at this berthing (GI). This is most important with Sydney's tag as an International City (and importance of tourist revenue).
4. There are better transport options at Garden Island – buses, nearby Kings Cross Railway Station, taxis and walking access/proximity to the CBD.
5. The alternative currently being used at White Bay is a major disadvantage. Its location is far from the CBD, located within an area of urban decay and industrial wasteland, poor /no access to public transport facilities. International berthing facilities here are non-existent. The area of White Bay is an embarrassment in showcasing Sydney off to international visitors.
6. Garden Island with some redevelopment offers scope and enhancement for cruise ship arrivals.



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