



## Greenwich Community Association Inc

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Dear Mr Wrightson & Councillors,

Last night at The Greenwich Community Association public meeting we were informed by our Ward Councillor, Merri Southwood, that a serious oil spill had occurred within the JQZ developed building at St Leonards, which resulted in serious contamination to Berry's Creek and most likely contamination to Sydney Harbour.

We understand that serious malfunctions can occur in new buildings (very rarely), but we were very concerned that the oil spill occurred on Friday 7 April, but neither the public nor Councillors were made aware of the incident for another week, and then only after Councillor Southwood having been notified by a local resident, took the matter up with Council officers.

Given the health risk and environmental damage, the GCA finds it totally unacceptable that this delay in notification occurred, particularly as it was during school holidays when children & families are out & possibly walking & playing in the area. Additionally, no warning signs were erected.

The GCA therefore requests that the Council agree to the following actions:

- A full investigation as to how such a large spill occurred, and approval of a satisfactory plan to be provided by the building owner to minimise any future spills.
- If such a spill occurs again, then the public and Councillors are notified immediately, and signs are erected in the spill areas to warn the public.
- We look forward to your immediate & positive response.

Regards  
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