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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **STATEMENT ON LOW SULFUR FUEL**

Fulfilling a 2015 election commitment, the NSW Government introduced regulatory requirements for the use of low sulfur fuel (0.1 per cent or less) by cruise ships in Sydney Harbour.

The requirements addressed community concerns raised about emissions from cruise ships, in particular by residents living near the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

The Commonwealth government introduced amendments to the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983* effective January 2016. Having received legal advice recently, it is now clear to the NSW Government that these changes made the NSW low sulfur requirements inoperative.

After the federal election, the NSW government will ask the incoming Commonwealth government to consider legislation which will allow for the operation of the low sulfur fuel laws.

The NSW Government also plans to extend the operation of its low sulfur requirements to cruise ships in regional ports, consistent with its election commitment.

In the interim, both Carnival Australia and Royal Caribbean have this morning agreed to comply voluntarily with the NSW low sulfur fuel requirements whilst at berth.