

LOBBY TO LIFT BAN ON CRUISE LINERS

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Western Cape Tourism MEC, Alan Winde, according to Business Day report, is requesting an urgent meeting with Home Affairs Minister, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, to discuss lifting the ban on cruise liners docking at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town. This ban came into effect recently when the Ministers of Home Affairs and Public Enterprises announced that this activity was a security risk and that the designated official port of entry was the secured Duncan Dock area. According to a *Business Day* report, the ban, which has been in place for two weeks, has already affected the docking arrangement of two cruise liners and is expected to affect another eight soon. Yesterday the *RMS Queen Mary 2* had to dock at the Eastern Mole. She is too big for Jetty Two at the V&A Waterfront which can only accommodate ships shorter than 200m in length.