



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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An Upper House inquiry has commenced into the state's museums and galleries, responsible for fostering learning, innovation and creativity in our community.

The General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 will inquire into NSW government policy, funding and support for the state's cultural institutions including museum and gallery buildings and heritage collections.

Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said "This inquiry will look at government funding for our state's museums and galleries and the impacts of the efficiency dividend on their budgets. The inquiry will also consider the proposed sale of the Powerhouse Museum site in Ultimo and whether there are alternative strategies to support museum development.

"Museums and galleries play a vital part in attracting cultural tourism and strengthening the economy and cultural landscape of NSW. This inquiry will also look at access to museum and gallery collections held in trust for the people of NSW, to ensure that everyone has the ability to encounter the rich and vibrant history documented in these collections", Mr Borsak said.

The committee welcomes the participation of interested stakeholders and community members. Submissions to the inquiry will close on Sunday 14 August 2016.

For further information, including the inquiry terms of reference and information on how to make a submission, please go to our website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/museumsandgalleries](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/museumsandgalleries) or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3307.

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