



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S MANAGEMENT OF THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM  
AND OTHER MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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# **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S MANAGEMENT OF THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM AND OTHER MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The NSW Upper House committee examining the Government's proposal for the Powerhouse Museum – as well as funding issues for the State's museums and cultural projects more broadly – continues gathering steam this week with its second public hearing on Friday 21 August 2020. This is the second of four hearings the committee plans to hold for this inquiry.

The hearing is a follow-up to the select committee's initial hearing in the final week of July which provided a timely forum for the Government to elaborate on its change in policy for the Powerhouse Museum's future, and to consider the more contentious elements of the proposal.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, stated: 'These hearings come at a time when there are still so many unanswered questions about the future of both the Powerhouse presence at Ultimo as well as the proposed new museum in Parramatta.'

'Whilst a welcome change in policy, the Government's latest announcement about the Powerhouse Museum appears to be another example of major cultural infrastructure decision making that is bereft of any meaningful input from the expert custodians of the museum's collections and the citizens to whom those collections belong,' Mr Borsak added.

'With so much public money already spent on what is now a partly abandoned proposal, it is only appropriate that the Government's plans be laid bare before the committee, for the rigorous evidence-based interrogation of a parliamentary inquiry.'

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the committee's second hearing will be closed to the general public but will be broadcast via web stream on the Parliamentary [website](#). For information about the upcoming hearing and the inquiry, please visit the Select Committee's [website](#). The submission period closed in May.

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