



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NSW UPPER HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO VISIT HISTORIC WILLOW GROVE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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 its work this week with a visit to Willow Grove, the heritage listed property slated for demolition as part of the NSW Government's controversial plans for the Parramatta Powerhouse project.

'The fate of heritage items located on the Powerhouse Parramatta site, including the historic Willow Grove, has emerged as a key concern for inquiry participants. A former maternity hospital dating back to the late 19th Century, stakeholders are arguing that the property is significant on a number of levels, and is a rare surviving example of a Victorian Italianate villa in the Parramatta CBD,' Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, stated.

'This visit is an opportunity for the committee to get an in-depth understanding of Willow Grove's significance including its contribution to the surviving heritage fabric of Parramatta.'

The site visit will take place from 9.30am on Friday 25 September 2020. Afterwards, the committee will travel to the Powerhouse site at Ultimo for a private tour and visit of the Harwood Building.

Hearings for the parliamentary inquiry will continue on 8 October. For more information about the inquiry, please see the committee's [webpage](#).

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