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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 – will continue gathering evidence this week with its fourth public hearing on Thursday 8 October 2020.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, stated: 'Ever since the Government's announcement in 2014, this highly contentious proposal has been dogged by serious concerns and nearly unanimous opposition from museums experts, peak bodies and community groups. Regrettably, there has been an agenda to cast such opposition as an ideological battle between so-called 'cultural elitists' of the inner ring and advocates for Western Sydney. Now, as the Government's revised plans progress through environmental assessment, there are still many unanswered questions.'

'Parliamentary scrutiny of the Government's proposal – including full transparency of process – is important now more than ever as we get closer to learning the fate of this cherished and world renowned cultural institution and its collections. Significant heritage items are also at risk of being lost as a result of this project, erasing an important part of Parramatta's past,' Mr Borsak added.

The committee's fourth hearing will commence at 9:30 am on Thursday 8 October in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House, and will be broadcast via web stream on the Parliamentary [website](#). For information about the upcoming hearing, including a hearing schedule, please visit the Select Committee's [website](#). The submission period closed in May.

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