



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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NEXT 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 – is set to kick off its next round of hearings in 2021 on Monday 15 February.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, stated: 'This costly project continues to evolve, with the Government pressing ahead with the Powerhouse Parramatta proposal despite what can only be considered almost unanimous community opposition. As highlighted by submissions to the statutory planning process, there are still serious concerns about the impacts of this State significant project, not the least of which are the very real flood risks associated with the chosen site.'

The future of Willow Grove – a property of substantial social, cultural, historic and aesthetic significance – also remains unresolved, with the Government announcing late last year that it will be relocated to a site in North Parramatta.

'The Government has stated publicly that relocating Willow Grove represents the best outcome for the communities of Western Sydney. This hearing will be a very timely opportunity to get to the nuts and bolts of what's being proposed,' Mr Borsak added.

The hearing will commence at 9:15 am on Monday 15 February in the Jubilee Room, Parliament House, and will be broadcast via web stream on the Parliamentary [website](#). Members of the public are encouraged to watch the hearing online due to capacity requirements with COVID-19.

For information about the upcoming hearing, including a hearing schedule, please visit the Select Committee's [website](#). The submission period for this inquiry closed in May 2020.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, on 9230 2573.