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INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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The Museum of Applied Arts and Science must remain located in the Powerhouse site at Ultimo. The museum has a long association with the Ultimo area and is readily accessible by public transport. It is ideally situated for visitors both local and from overseas and is within a significant cultural precinct. The building housing the MAAS is in itself a significant heritage structure which must be protected from demolition as is proposed by the government. The proposed new location at Parramatta is quite unsuitable. There is no historical context with the proposed site or precinct, it is difficult to access by public transport, it is flood prone and the site is too small for anything but a token museum "shopfront". The costs of relocation would far outweigh any possible benefits. For these and other reasons it must remain where it is.