

INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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I am concerned that the value of the collection in the Powerhouse is not sufficiently appreciated and that the museum will be downsized if it is moved. It has vast holdings that could easily be shared with an offshoot museum in Parramatta. I am also concerned that the Art Gallery of New South Wales is trying to expand (a) over green space, (b) to incur considerable ongoing staffing costs, (c) to duplicate the role of the Museum of Contemporary Art. Its considerable holdings could easily be shared with an offshoot gallery in Parramatta. A shared facility in Parramatta, well served by public transport, would benefit western Sydney, expand the tourist interest to the city, and not diminish the present institutions.