

INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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I wish to make my personal views known to the committee as a private individual. The Baird Government's proposal to relocate the Powerhouse Museum from its current location to Parramatta concerns me greatly. It appears that the relocation is another example of this current government's desire to swell their coffers by selling the state-owned real estate as every opportunity with most of these decisions being made without genuine community consultation. Only this morning, there was news that the Sirius building in The Rocks is proposed to be sold. The Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo is of major importance to the cultural, social, economic and historical life in Sydney and the proposal to build a "pared-down" version of this fine institution to Parramatta on a flood-prone site makes me question the competence and objectivity of the decision makers. My hope is that submissions to the enquiry will be sufficiently forceful to stop the proposed "developer deal" of moving the Powerhouse Museum out of Ultimo.