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## INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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I write in support retaining the Powerhouse Museum at its current site in Ultimo. Although I don't have extensive financial, historical or logistical facts at my fingertips or a well written speech, I do have years of visits to the museum, alone, with my children, my friends and my overseas visitors, to draw on when I say that this museum is an integral part of the "Sydney" experience and should stay this way forever. Western Sydney has grown enormously over the last 10-20 years and is a city in itself. It therefore deserves to be developed and I agree that cultural centres should be a part of this development, but not at the expense of Sydney city, the South and the North. If the Powerhouse is moved it will become inaccessible to many. Transport from the north to the city is not good, but to Parramatta it is virtually non-existent. Visitors will not travel this longer and more difficult distance. The cost to taxpayers will be huge - way more than the estimated cost. The relocation of sensitive museum property is an enormous, difficult task and will take many many hours. The proposed sit in Parramatta is subject to flooding, as was seen earlier this year. Millions of irreplaceable objects could be lost to bad planning. Sydney city itself is a living museum. Selling off its beautiful historic areas is not the way forward, it is a giant step backwards. Please don't ignore what is special about our city to chase the big development dollar. Keep our culture alive to make Sydney as gracious as cities around the world like London, Paris, Prague, etc. Please stop the short sighted planning of our current government and save Sydney one step at a time by saving the Powerhouse Museum. Of course Western Sydney needs cultural development, but not to the detriment of the rest of the city and surrounds. Build a new museum out there - the Powerhouse has much to share