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1. Selling the Powerhouse Museum site for commercial development is unacceptable. It belongs to the people of NSW and no politician has asked for or been given a mandate to sell it.
2. The Powerhouse Museum collection is extensive and could – should – be split between two sites and two focuses. It should not be either/or.
3. Powerhouse West (wherever it may be sited) could be the hub of an arts and cultural precinct that would benefit millions of residents as well as providing a new visitor destination.
4. The Powerhouse Museum is a vital part of the city's educational, entertainment and visitor infrastructure and needs bolstering and support, not destruction or reduction.