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## **INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES**

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Having lived in Ultimo from 1998 to 2007 I grew to appreciate the contribution made by The Powerhouse Museum to my local community. The presence of this unique cultural institution in Ultimo is to be treasured and I would wish the same good fortune on any growing community in New South Wales. However the NSW government proposes to close the Powerhouse Museum and relocate it to Parramatta on the grounds that Parramatta does not have a major museum facility of its own. It would not be deemed logical to propose relocating, say, a railway station/shopping centre/cinema/police station/(etc) from one community to another on the grounds that they don't have one of their own. As communities continue to grow across the state of NSW the stock of social and cultural facilities and infrastructure must be increased. Not spread ever more thinly.