

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES**

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As a citizen who has been to the Powerhouse Museum and enjoyed its exhibits over the years, I strongly request that this relocation be stopped. Having a museum like the Powerhouse in the CENTRE of the city is a wonderful asset to not just Sydney, but tourists and visitors alike. Moving it to Parramatta would only benefit those who live in the western environs as Parra is not considered a tourist mecca! If you want to benefit the people of western Sydney, and that would be a good thing - establish a NEW centre there and share the collection of the Powerhouse. Quite a lot of their collection is stored away more or less permanently except for specific exhibits. Would it not be better to have two museums, showing different things, both operating at once??!! Selling off the land from the Powerhouse is obviously the major intent, but Sydney would lose a great asset, and it does not need more units in the overbuilt city!! It does need more community facilities and the Powerhouse is an excellent example. this is a public asset and as such, the govt should be very careful not to be seen to grab it to be sold for private gain or to increase govt coffers for other things. Please reconsider the fate of the Powerhouse!!