

**Submission  
No 114**

## **INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES**

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Director,  
Standing Committee for Enquiry into Museum & Galleries  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St.  
Sydney. 2000.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to protest to the move of the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta. This Ultimo Powerhouse is in the heart of the city with close connections to the CBD, Central Railway, Darling Harbour, China Town & Paddy's Markets. We know some people from this area, including ourselves who travel by train to that part of the city to see the Ultimo Powerhouse & other nearby facilities for the day & it would not be possible for them to do so in that time scale if the museum was moved to Parramatta.

The proposed site at Parramatta is grossly inappropriate as it is a flood prone area & is too small.

The enormous expense of moving the contents of the Powerhouse Museum & the reconstruction of an inferior one is a complete waste of the tax payer's money.

We would imagine that the citizens of Parramatta would prefer a museum of their own which would be historically relevant to their area.

This unique building must remain where it is now situated.

We cannot understand why there has been no transparency or no consultation from this government over this proposal & the NSW Government has no mandate to sell off this valuable property for real estate.

Please reconsider the closure of the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum.

Yours sincerely,