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INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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The Hon. Robert Borsak, MLC
Chair
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Dear Chair

Inquiry into Museums and Galleries

I write to make a submission on the above inquiry, which includes consideration of the sale of the Powerhouse Museum site in Ultimo in my electorate.

While there is support for expanding the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences' collection to Western Sydney, there is widespread concern that the Powerhouse must retain its base in Ultimo adjacent to the hubs of tourism, cultural institutions, Darling Harbour, higher education and Sydney's tech start-ups, which link to its core purpose and its purpose-built site.

The failure to establish a business plan and consult with local and arts communities indicates that this policy is more about selling off inner city assets at the expense of community and city liveability than improving access to cultural assets in the west.

I refer the committee to my speech in Parliament following tabling of a petition with 10,000 signatures at <https://bitly.com/>.

I ask that you consider this as part of your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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