

**Submission
No 172**

INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4
Legislative Council
Parliament of New South Wales
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Dear members,

Re: Submission to the Inquiry into museums and galleries

I refer to the above inquiry.

The Powerhouse Museum is an important cultural institution to the City of Sydney and I strongly support it remaining in its current location in Ultimo.

I strongly support the people of Parramatta having their own cultural facility to tell the stories of their local community.

The City's planned Cultural Ribbon is the driving force behind the city's cultural policy, tying together all of the important cultural institutions of the City of Sydney.

The City's planned Cultural Ribbon originally included the Powerhouse Museum as major cultural institution.

At the December meeting of Council, the Lord Mayor submitted a draft Cultural Ribbon plan that would remove the Powerhouse Museum from the Cultural Ribbon.

I moved an amendment at the City of Sydney Council's December meeting to keep the Powerhouse Museum in the City's planned Cultural Ribbon.

I am deeply concerned about the Lord Mayor and her independent councillors, as well as the Liberal councillors, defeating my amendment to keep the Powerhouse Museum in the City's planned Cultural Ribbon.

For the Lord Mayor and her independent Councillors to take the Powerhouse Museum out of the City's cultural ribbon, at a time when the Liberal State Government is planning to sell the powerhouse museum, sends a dangerous message.

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I strongly urge the Committee to find the Powerhouse Museum should stay where it is in Ultimo.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Linda Scott
City of Sydney

