

**INQUIRY INTO GOVERNMENT'S MANAGEMENT OF THE
POWERHOUSE MUSEUM AND OTHER MUSEUMS AND
CULTURAL PROJECTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The Powerhouse Museum is a fabulous museum that I have visited many times with my children, with friends or on my own. It's proximity to Central Station makes it accessible for EVERYONE in Sydney and beyond. It beggars belief why you would spend 1.5 billion moving this great and established museum to a site that is not so readily accessed by public transport for the general public, tourists, or school excursions from ALL suburbs of Sydney. No doubt that figure will blow out. Surely NSW government has many more urgent uses for its constituents' tax dollars, particularly in this time of Covid 19.

I also strongly object to the proposed demolishing of Willow Grove and St George's Terrace in Parramatta. Sydney's history and heritage should be preserved for future generations to enjoy and learn from, not wantonly destroyed.

I am sure Parramatta community would enjoy a museum. But please select a site that does not destroy heritage and commission a NEW museum rather than moving an established world class museum from a perfect site and a beautiful building.

I know many people who also strenuously object to this proposed move, but I am actually taking the time to express my wishes to yourselves. Cynics might wonder who the real beneficiaries are. I want you to: reconsider and stop this proposed move of the Powerhouse Museum from its current site; not demolish Willow Grove and St George's Terrace in Parramatta; utilise the money saved to benefit the people of NSW. The fate of the Powerhouse will certainly inform my future voting choice.