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

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Dear Members of Parliament

I would like to make a submission to leave the Powerhouse where it is. It is part of the Industrial, technological and cultural history of Sydney which needs to be fostered rather than eliminated.

The Powerhouse is in a perfect position for overseas visitors and sits on a site within walking distance of 3 universities and a large TAFE as well as a local school. Why would anyone move a museum that is so perfectly located for educational and cultural experiences.

The recent exhibition of Flamingo Park was exceptional and I could name many many more over the years that I have recommended to friends and family as well as taking groups of students to visit.

While Sydney is a beautiful city, without doubt, it lacks the cultural depth that many other cities of the world pride themselves on.

I suggest that the only reason that the government wants to move the PowerHouse is to sell this prime land to developers. This is a museum that has been slowly developed over 120 years until it holds a rich collection of artifacts in a variety of technological and creative fields. It is also a museum that appeals to families and children love the museum's space.

To move the Powerhouse would leave Sydney a poorer place to visit and live in.

I remain a long term resident of the City Of Sydney and a great supporter the Powerhouse which enhances and contributes to the diversity of this city.