

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

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I write to you as a lifetime resident of this historic city of Parramatta (my parents moved here in 1937). We have lost too many irreplaceable heritage treasures already without the very real prospect of the beautiful historic villa of Willow Grove joining an already too long list. To mention just two losses, Hiawatha and Subiaco.

While there may be a case to be made for Parramatta to have its own museum, either contemporary or historic, the price to be paid to build such a museum here would be too high if it means demolishing Willow Grove. I detect no support at all in the local community for the loss of the Georgian terraces or the villa as the inevitable cost of getting some sort of museum.

On a more practical level, there is always the real risk of flooding of the river bank adjoining the proposed site. Just this year, after heavy rain, that area was once again under water.

Please leave the Powerhouse where it is, leave Willow Grove standing and, if needs be, find another site for a future local museum here.