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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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Me and my family are strongly opposed to the plan to move the Powerhouse Museum for a number of reasons:

- extreme waste of taxpayers money for no benefit - only a loss of public assets
- loss of important historical & cultural site at Ultimo, which also gives the museum its name
- the new location is inaccessible to a great number of Sydneysiders, as well as visitors to Sydney. The current location is close to the city centre, and easy to get to on public transport being so close to Central Station - a hub that many can access from all over Sydney. We would never visit the Powerhouse in Parramatta.
- the new location is inappropriate due to potential flooding, and due to limited size that wouldn't allow for collections to be shown to their full potential, with a number of items not shown at all. It also involves the destruction of other heritage building Willow Grove & St Georges Terrace. Totally unacceptable.

**DO NOT RELOCATE THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM.** If you are fixated on giving Parramatta a museum, it should be purpose built, with collections chosen to represent Parramatta and its local history, and/or a museum to complement the Powerhouse. Any museum should be in addition to the existing museum in Ultimo. If this cannot be achieved, scrap the plan for a museum in Parramatta entirely. The amount of money this has already costed, and is budgeted to cost, is a gross waste. \$1.5billion. What a joke.