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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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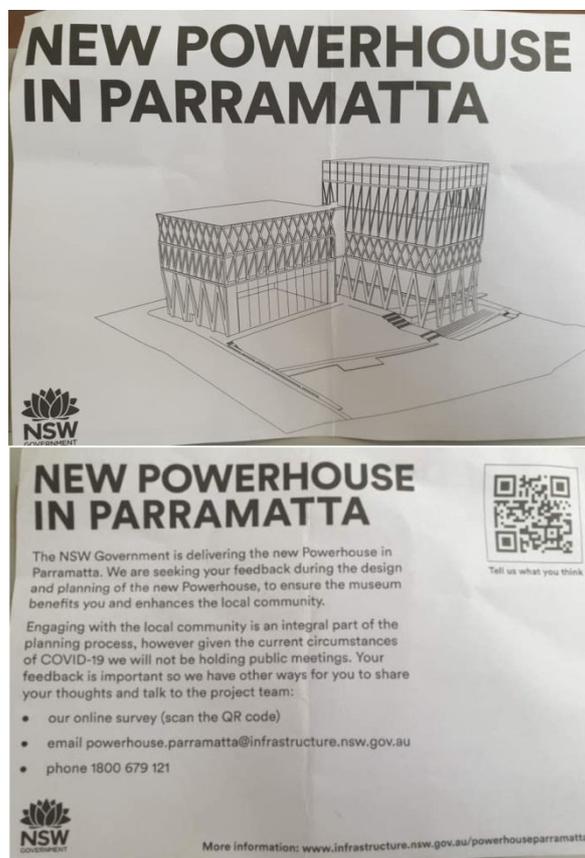
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ADDENDUM TO SUBMISSION OF 9 May, 2020

We wish to lodge the following additional information following the Infrastructure NSW recent postcard "share your thoughts" consultation.



We made the following submission <http://tiny.cc/c4qzoz> to this consultation and received the following far fetched <http://tiny.cc/karzoj> from "Powerhouse Parramatta" (the webinar organisers).

This raises 2 immediate questions:

1) Flood protection level

"Powerhouse Parramatta" confirmed the new building ground level will be at RL+7.50 (ie Phillip St level).

Phillip St is known to have flooded in the past.

2) Exhibition areas

Their comparison of exhibition areas in Ultimo and Parramatta is deceptive.

- they maximise the Parramatta exhibition area to 18,000m² lumping together exhibition and public spaces (ie probably including entrance, kitchen and digital space?) and
- minimise Ultimo to 15,708m² (probably deducting the areas sublet to UTS?).

We received the following informations from Tom Kennedy (Infrastructure NSW) at a 23-04-2020 webinar

PARRAMATTA MILKCRATE AREAS		Save the Powerhouse, 23-04-2020	
		Tom Kennedy	Lisa Havilah
		EXHIBITION	
		E 3000+2X2000=7,000	
		W 3X1800 =5,400	

		12,400m ²	18,000m ²
		<i>Ultimo Exhibition area = 21,400m²</i>	
		TOTAL AREA	
		(including rooftops)	
		E 4X3000 =12,000	
		W 9X1800 =14,600	

		26,600m ²	30,000m ²

E		W	
2000m ²	1800m ²	Accommodation	
2000m ²	1800m ²	Offices	
3000m ²	1800m ²	Kitchen	
		Digital Space	
		Entrance	

Webinar of 23-04-2020 : Discrepancies between areas according to Tom Kennedy and according to Lisa Havilah
Note Ultimo Exhibition area is larger than either of the 2 figures given

3) Budget

They confirmed the sum of \$645 million was “an accurate depiction of what the project will cost” although:

- It is a net sum after deduction of \$400 million from the expected proceeds of the Ultimo site sale and \$80 million private investment (to be found)
- it does not include a number of large cost items such as the storage facilities in Castle Hill or the “Ultimo presence”.

NB: We are extremely concerned that, despite the current lockdown situation, the Government is forging ahead with “*site preparation works including **demolition of all structures and tree removal**, construction, operation and use of the Powerhouse Parramatta, public domain works and use, vehicular access, infrastructure works and signage zones*”.

Q: Can they legally and constitutionally do this without a fully approved DA for the project?

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