

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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The Government has not given consideration to the site selected. The site often floods eg February 2020. The basement of any new building on this site would be constructed below the high water mark of the Parramatta River and seepage through the exterior walls would be inevitable. The design chosen is not in keeping with the historical nature of Parramatta.

The government appears to be hell-bent on destroying the heritage and historical buildings in Parramatta, the second settlement of Sydney. Willow Grove and St George's terrace should not be demolished but retained and preserved and could be incorporated in any future development in this area. There has been a lack of community consultation and lack of reporting and accountability by the government to the residents of western Sydney.

Heritage buildings, e.g. The Royal Oak hotel is earmarked for imminent demolition due to the government constructing a light rail up Church Street.

By retaining the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo collections would not be damaged in a move. Also saving money for which could be used in a more worthwhile project than destroying our heritage.

Please stop destroying any more heritage buildings in Parramatta. Retention of our heritage buildings is far more valuable than the proceeds and upheaval of the museum from Ultimo.