

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 am appealing to our NSW Government to please save our heritage buildings in Parramatta, namely, Willow Grove and St George's Terrace. Buildings such as the abovementioned are being considered for demolition but they have great significance; not only to the people who live and work in Parramatta, but also to surrounding suburbs and the entire public of Australia.

The reason I believe the heritage buildings must be retained as valuable places of interest is that:

1. The Builders of St George's Terrace were an important, well known and prominent family in Parramatta. George Coates was known as a 'Master Builder' according to a local newspaper dated 28/4/1906 and built many fine buildings.
2. The house called Willow Grove is also an historic building being used in the past as a hospital and is beautifully restored.

It is my belief also that the Sydney Powerhouse is valuable where it is currently situated in Ultimo.

If the Government believes that another museum is necessary in the north western suburbs then consideration should be given to an alternative site. I believe that there is an option to have a precinct near beautiful sandstone buildings in Parramatta as proposed by the North Parramatta Residents Action Group.

Parramatta is known as the Cradle City of Australia. We cannot allow history to be erased. People near and far need to see the historic buildings in our Parramatta to appreciate how our nation came to be.