

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

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I come from a long line of Parramatta 'people' ... (builder),
(builder and auctioneer), (my father, born at home in Darcy Street and
very recently deceased). I have lived for 56 years within the the Parramatta district my whole life,
singing it's praises and the historical importance of Parramatta in the establishment of the 'new
colony'.

Within the last 10 years i have watched, with increasing sadness and anger, the demolition of the
history and flavour of our Parramatta. Out with the old (architectural and historic buildings of
our past) and in with the new modern monstrosities not in keeping with my home city.

My Parramatta pool was demolished for a stadium that does not have adequate parking (parking
for events causes trouble for residents even to visit the local shop). Having no relief from the
heat of last summer was terrible (we ate not all blessed with backyard pools or air conditioning).

To drive to my local pharmacy for a script i have to pay for parking. The Fleet Street Precinct
earmarked for more units (enough already).
The light rail ... a source of irritation and a lot of head shaking of why this is needed.

Now the 'brilliant' plan to demolish Willowgrove and build another architectural monstrosity
within the floodplain of Parramatta. I was not consulted on any of these projects/changes. My
neighbours and many
friends of the area were not consulted. We were informed what was happening via snippets in
newspapers, council brochures. I have signed objections, hung my costume on the pool fence,
joined NPRAG how many objections do i and my neighbours need to lodge to be heard?

Whoever is making these decisions is not taking into account what the people of the suburb
want and need. How loud do we need to yell to actually be heard?

My Parramatta was a place to be proud of .. a mixture of heritage, cuisine, arts all low level
density, historic walks, historic pubs and parks. The way Parramatta is heading is now a joke
within the community, no longer a place to be proud of, it is a hotpotch of ridiculous high rise
buildings, buildings with coloured panels, the removal of carpark, beautiful buildings and the
threat of losing open spaces.

Please listen the people of Parramatta object!!!! Stop!!!!!!