

Siting Strategies



Existing

Maintain AGNSW Domain Location (no work)

Summary of Maintaining Operations without Change

No growth = No life and slow death

Option A1.1

New Building, Prominent Location
Maintain AGNSW Domain Location (no work) and new gallery building

Advantages

- > Landmark location in the city
- > Green-field site

Disadvantages

- > Access to public transport and parking is difficult
- > Likely to diminish the role and status of existing AGNSW
- > Difficult to maintain identity of single institution operating across 2 major sites
- > Will do little to address current pressing issues inherent on the AGNSW's Domain site
- > Increased security operations
- > Duplication of services, operational systems and public programming costs
- > Significant capital cost in new facility
- > Difficult to maintain sense of staff cohesion and collaborative effort across 2 major sites
- > Major operational and curatorial challenges in existing AGNSW not addressed

Option A1.2

New Building, Prominent Location & Re-plan Existing
Re-plan AGNSW Domain Location (new works) and new gallery building

Advantages

- > Landmark location in the city
- > Green-field site

Disadvantages

- > Access to public transport and parking is difficult
- > Likely to diminish the role and status of existing AGNSW
- > Difficult to maintain identity of single institution operating across 2 major sites
- > Increased security operations
- > Duplication of services, operational systems and public programming costs
- > Significant capital cost in new facility and replanning of existing Domain site
- > Difficult to maintain sense of staff cohesion and collaborative effort across 2 major sites

Option B1

New South West Wing
AGNSW Domain Location new gallery wing to the south west

Advantages

- > A new wing will provide an opportunity to resolve current problems and provide space and facilities for the future
- > Close to the Domain Carpark

Disadvantages

- > Limited opportunities for a landmark building
- > Location remote and not prominent
- > Heritage issues associated with building on parkland
- > Conflict with public activities
- > Very difficult to connect to existing AGNSW at more than one level and only at one location between the Vernon and Asian wings
- > Confused public circulation
- > Duplicates costs and operations across two sites
- > Complex construction over existing railway corridor
- > May impact existing Police Memorial Wall
- > Vehicle access to existing dock limits connectivity between buildings

Evaluation Criteria

The siting options identified in the previous section have been tested against a range of key criteria to determine the most appropriate option for further development:

- 1 Cultural Asset Value
- 2 Precinct Value
- 3 Masterplan
- 4 Consultation
- 5 Operations
- 6 Implementation

The options have been evaluated in two ways:

- > Weighting the benefits and negative impacts on a sub-category (more detailed or specific) level. Options with the highest beneficial score and lowest negative impact score represent the preferred option; and
- > On the primary category levels each option is ranked against the others, with the option with the lowest score here representing the preferred option.



Option B2

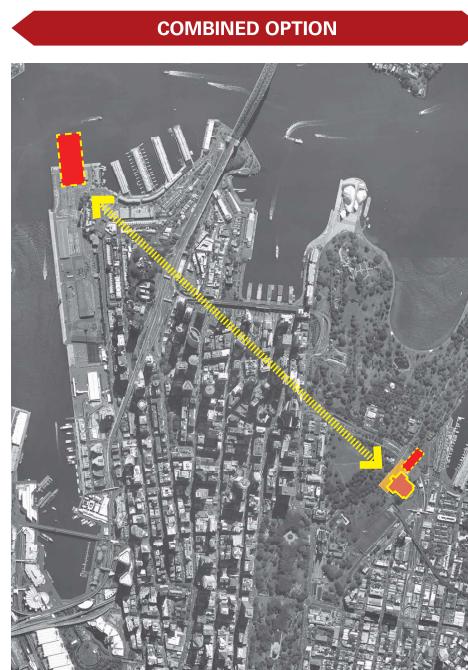
New North West Wing
AGNSW Domain Location new gallery wing to the north west

Advantages

- > Prominent location
- > Visible from the city
- > A new wing will provide an opportunity to resolve current problems and provide space and facilities for the future

Disadvantages

- > Difficult construction
- > Heritage tree issues
- > Complex siting close to existing RBG buildings and major entry to Gardens may limit opportunities
- > Difficult connection to new wing
- > Loss of parkland
- > Duplicated entry
- > Art Gallery Road will always divide the two buildings



OPTION C1 (A1 + B3)

New North East Wing and Presence in the City
Reorganise existing AGNSW Domain Location and link to new gallery wing to the north east

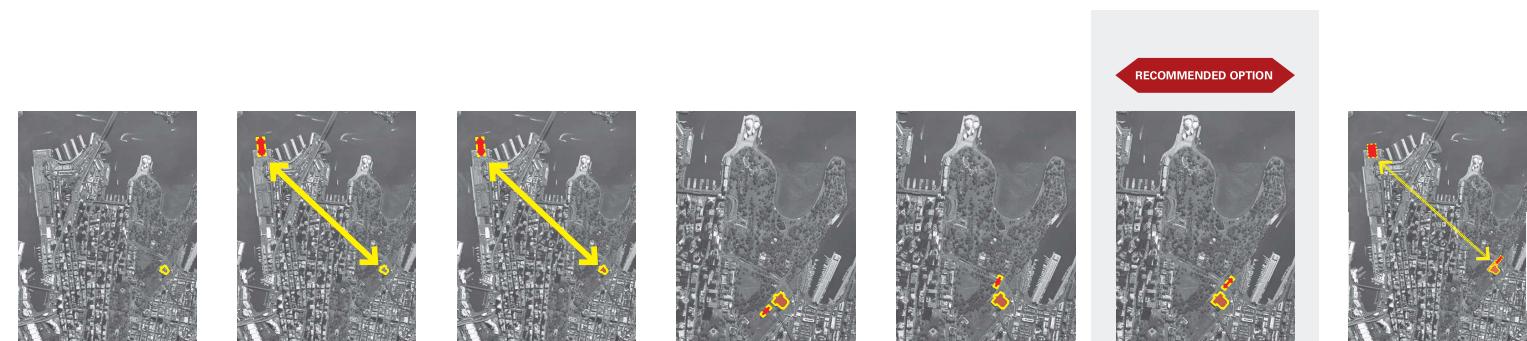
Advantages

- > Landmark location in the city
- > Green-field site
- > A new wing will provide an opportunity to resolve current problems

Disadvantages

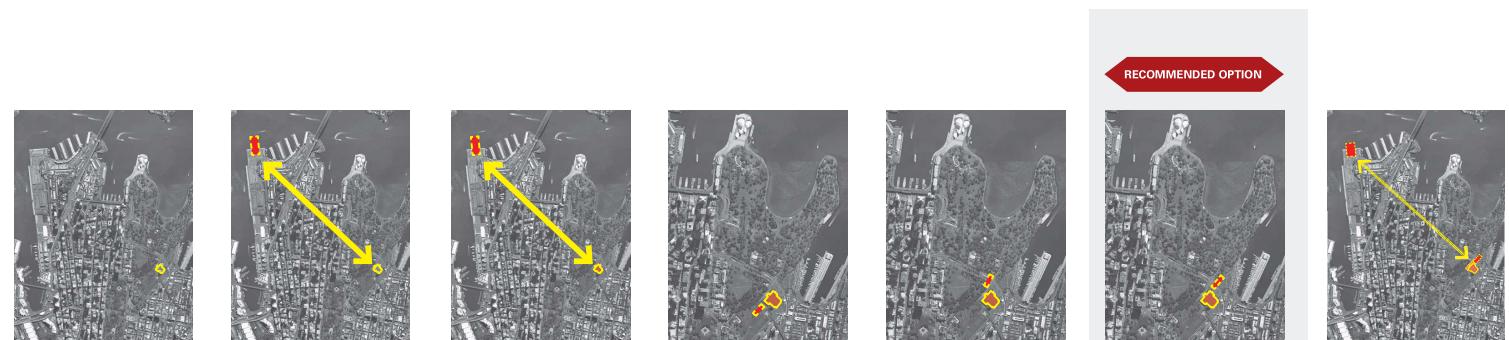
- > Access to public transport and parking is difficult
- > Likely to diminish the role and status of existing AGNSW
- > Increased operating costs
- > Significantly larger capital investment required
- > Duplication of services, operational systems and public programming
- > More complex construction approach than other options
- > Complex security arrangements between buildings

Siting Evaluation



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	EXISTING	OPTION A.1	OPTION A.2	OPTION B.1	OPTION B.2	OPTION B.3	OPTION C.1
CULTURAL ASSET VALUE							
Image / Identity / Landmark Quality	●	● ●	● ●	●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Connection to City / Harbour	●	● ●	● ●	●	●	● ●	● ●
Synergy with other Sydney Cultural Institutions	✗	✗	✗	✗	●	●	✗
Contemporary Relevance	✗	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	●
Ability to meet vision, purpose and mission of AGNSW	✗	●	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Ability to maintain and improve local and international comparisons	✗	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
PRECINCT							
Access from city	✗✗	✗	✗	✗	● ●	●	●
Public transport / Parking	✗✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗	✗	✗
Relationship with landscape	●	●	●	✗✗✗	●	●	✗
Impact of Domain events	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗✗	✗	✗	✗
Forecourt - Identity and Function	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	●	●	●
Vistas to and from the Institution	✗	●	●	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●
Heritage considerations	●	●	●	✗	●	●	●
MASTERPLAN							
Quality and flexibility of galleries	✗✗	✗	●	●	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Range of temporary exhibition spaces	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Clarity of public circulation	✗✗	✗✗	✗	●	●	● ●	✗
Flexibility of spaces for public programs	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Public amenities	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Group arrival / entry	✗✗✗	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	●
Universal access	✗✗✗	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Security	✗✗✗	✗✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	✗
BOH Circulation	✗✗✗	✗✗✗	●	●	●	● ●	● ●
Loading docks compared to international standards	✗✗✗	✗✗	✗	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Adequate storage	✗✗✗	✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
BCA compliance	✗✗	✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Heritage considerations	●	●	●	✗	●	●	●
Staff workspaces and amenities	✗✗	✗✗	✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Functional relationships	✗	✗	●	● ●	● ●	● ●	✗
SUB TOTAL	✗ 47 ● 5	✗ 27 ● 16	✗ 11 ● 26	✗ 16 ● 34	✗ 2 ● 46	✗ 2 ● 50	✗ 7 ● 41

● MINOR BENEFIT ● ● MEDIUM BENEFIT ● ● ● SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT ✗ NEGATIVE IMPACT ✗✗ MEDIUM NEGATIVE IMPACT ✗✗✗ SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	EXISTING	OPTION A1.1	OPTION A1.2	OPTION B1	OPTION B2	OPTION B3	OPTION C1
CONSULTATION							
Heritage	●	●	✗	✗✗	✗	✗	✗
Urban Design	●	●●	●	✗	●	●	●●
Adjoining uses	✗	✗✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Key Stakeholders	●	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗✗	✗✗✗	✗✗✗	✗✗✗
OPERATIONS							
Ability to increase visitor numbers	✗✗	●	●	●	●	●	●●
Ability to increase public programs	✗✗	●	●	●	●	●	●
Efficiency of operations	✗✗	✗	●	●	●	●	✗✗
Ability to attract sponsorship and benefaction	✗	●	●	●	●	●	✗
Ability to attract significant international exhibitions and loans	✗✗	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ability to grow revenue from events. Shop, catering, etc.	✗✗	●	●	●	●	●	●
IMPLEMENTATION							
Buildability	NA	●	✗	✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗✗
Maintain operations	NA	●	✗	●	●	●	✗✗
SUB TOTAL	✗ 12 ● 3	✗ 5 ● 10	✗ 6 ● 7	✗ 8 ● 7	✗ 7 ● 8	✗ 7 ● 8	✗ 13 ● 7
TOTAL	✗ 59 ● 8	✗ 32 ● 26	✗ 17 ● 33	✗ 23 ● 42	✗ 9 ● 54	✗ 9 ● 58	✗ 20 ● 48
CRITERIA RANKING							
CULTURAL ASSET VALUE	NA	3	3	6	2	1	3
PRECINCT	NA	4	4	6	1	1	3
MASTERPLAN	NA	6	5	4	2	1	3
CONSULTATION	NA	1	2	3	6	4	3
OPERATIONS	NA	5	1	1	1	1	6
IMPLEMENTATION	NA	1	5	2	3	3	6
OVERALL POINTS	NA	20	20	22	15	11	24
OVERALL RANK		3	4	5	2	1	6

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