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Renah Givney  
Director, Key Sites Assessments  
NSW Planning  
Department of Planning and Environment  
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Dear Ms Givney,

**Application SSD-32927319 Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal**

I write this letter in support of the Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal Project.

Renewal of the state's cultural infrastructure is vital to ensure that the important and fascinating stories of Sydney and NSW can continue to be told through immersive and reflective experiences.

Our State Cultural Institutions, including the Powerhouse, provide an exceptional and irreplaceable archive of our history and culture. They provide spaces where we can connect and celebrate the meaning and significance of our important places and collections.

Redevelopment of a world class museum, along with the integration of a creative industries precinct, through the Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal will actively benefit visitor and night-time economies to significantly contribute to the recovering, post COVID-19, cultural sector.

The renewal will not only ensure that the Powerhouse is able to continue to provide its unique focus on technology, engineering, science and design, but will also amplify our vibrant arts and cultural sector by presenting dynamic applied arts and sciences programming in contemporary ways so that we can all better understand and value our history and heritage.

In our experience, adaptive reuse of built heritage and open forms can be done very successfully, and with care, creativity and consultation. The Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal is an exciting project that will no doubt have a positive impact on the creative and cultural sector within NSW.

Yours sincerely



**Adam Lindsay**  
Chief Executive Officer