

## **Sydney's Powerhouse Museum – renew, renovate, and revitalise**

### **A plea for Sydney's Powerhouse Museum's future**

Sydney has precious few heritage buildings of the quality and social, cultural, technical and economic value of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum. It is important to remember and remind ourselves that it was once actually a powerhouse. Its original purpose in Sydney's community is inherent in its foundations and its heritage value to the community and to the economy in terms of education services and visitor experiences.

My soon to be 42 year old son still treasures the science and technology lessons he learnt at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum in an atmosphere of adventure, exploration, discovery, playing and fun, for him, his friends, and we parents. His eight year old daughter and six year old son have been privileged to share his experiences and memories of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum with those of their own. Please do not underestimate the power and importance of sustaining this in meaningful ways.

The enormous success of the White Bay Power Station has in the face of significant challenges shown what is possible with a considered, and forward looking vision, supported by strong and clear decision making.

Optimising Sydney's Powerhouse Museum's exhibition, education and event spaces, could transform the building and precinct into a lively, creative and activated space in NSW accentuated by its proximity to the public transport network and Sydney CBD. Forward thinking is required instead of ready-made plans summarily downsizing it.

This is a plea for imaginative and creative thinking and problem solving. Think for a moment what Sydney's Powerhouse Museum reconnected with children, especially from the inner city as well as interstate and international visitors with children. Consider for a moment the possibility of [a Sydney Children's Creativity Museum on the scale of San Francisco's.](#)

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