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Attention: Annika Hather via Annika.Hather@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Anthony

Submission on Powerhouse Ultimo Revitalisation

I am writing to you regarding the Infrastructure NSW's revitalisation proposals for Powerhouse Ultimo. Amended proposals for revised Powerhouse Ultimo project were publicly re-exhibited as State Significant Development Application (SSD-67588459) during September and October 2024.

A unique city university and driver of urban renewal

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is a leading public university of technology and the top-ranked young university in Australia. As a major Australian university in a well-connected Sydney CBD location, UTS attracts over 40,000 enrolled students annually, and is a major city employer, with over 3,500 full-time staff.

UTS is a unique city university characterised by a porous and dynamic campus that forms part of the fabric of Sydney's southern CBD. Through the successful redevelopment of our city campus since 2010, UTS has led the way in transformative urban renewal and will remain a key driver of change in the ongoing revitalisation of Broadway, Haymarket and Ultimo.

Our planning for the future of the city campus is focusing on a north-easterly shift in the campus functions and activities towards Ultimo and Haymarket, as demonstrated by:

- the establishment of the iconic UTS Business School in the Chau Chak Wing Building located to the west of the Goods Line;

- the ongoing adaptive re-use and future major redevelopment potential of UTS Building 05 in Haymarket; and
- our recently announced *National First Nations College* located on Harris Street and Mary Ann Street to be connected by Omnibus Lane to the Chau Chak Wing Building; and
- our partnership with Powerhouse Ultimo.

UTS + Powerhouse Ultimo – Part of a world-class creative industries precinct

UTS has established a strong partnership with Powerhouse Ultimo as a Foundation University Partner.

Through this partnership, UTS and Powerhouse Ultimo are working together to reimagine and revitalise the local area and create a world-class Creative Industries Precinct to boost the creative industries sector.

Revitalisation of the Powerhouse Ultimo Museum will enable our partnership to:

- establish a creative industries academy as an immersive education and professional hub to connect students with industry leaders;
- embed First Nations as a key collaborative focus area, with programs with the UTS National First Nations College and integrating the UTS Galuwa Experience into broader First Nations programming at the museum;
- elevate the museum's renewed focus on fashion and design by connecting the museum with local researchers and industry professionals at the forefront of design innovation.
- create work-integrated learning opportunities including student internships plus work experience with key collaborators and collaborations with Creative Industries Residents;
- provide opportunities for students to contribute to the planning and delivery of major exhibitions and events;
- create unique opportunities for UTS students and emerging practitioners to utilise the resources of the Powerhouse Archives, gain industry experience and establish potential pathways into the design industry;
- expand original research and industry development across the creative industries sector, made accessible via Powerhouse public programs; and
- activate and animate the adjoining The Goods Line public domain connecting the two institutions with co-design of opportunities.

UTS support

UTS notes the amendments and improvements made to SSD-67588459 and provides its full support to the Powerhouse Museum and Infrastructure NSW for the revitalisation proposals for Powerhouse Ultimo.

The UTS contact in respect of this submission is Grahame Edwards, Executive Manager, Campus Planning and Design.

Yours sincerely

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