

SUBMISSION TO LEAVE WILLOW GROVE WHERE IT IS

This exceptional Villa and its social history must remain in Phillip Street where it was built for Annie & Thomas Gallagher and their four children 140 years ago. This represents my third submission which implores the State government to LEAVE WILLOW GROVE WHERE IT IS.

The submission is but a quick summary of the facts –

- In every State Government heritage assessment, Willow Grove is referred to as a “**significant building**” and it’s location on Phillip Street makes it “**highly significant**” in Parramatta, as it is the last of its style and design that remains in the city.
- The local community & people across NSW want Willow Grove to stay on Phillip Street.
- The residents have consistently asked to be shown the submitted museum designs that incorporates Willow Grove and St George’s Terrace in the design – why has this not happened?
- The best option is to leave this areas as a heritage area, and build any proposed museum in the Fleet street/Gaol area.

The Government’s representatives have consistently attempted to portray Willow Grove as a crumbling relic. Nothing could be further from the truth – the internals are beautiful and that combined with the importance of the grounds and gardens demand it be retained in its current position.

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Finally, I must express my outrage at the proposed treatment of St Georges’ terrace in the newest proposed design.



1-3 Photomontage of the Powerhouse Parramatta (Source: Moreau Kusunoki and Genton, 2020).

If this is even being evaluated – PLEASE STOP NOW. This design will make Parramatta a laughing stock. I would be happy to make a longer, more formal submission if needed.

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