

I OBJECT TO THE POWERHOUSE PARRAMATTA

I have not made any reportable donations.

I grew up in Carlingford in 1950s and Parramatta was the 'go to' area for most of our needs. I have very fond memories of the area and always valued it and its uniqueness in terms of history and buildings. The Park, the River and Parramatta Lake are lovely locations to relax. My husband and I retired back to Parramatta because of its historic value and we love it.

My objections are on the following grounds:

- The social history and sense of place will be lost with the destruction of historic buildings which add to the character of Parramatta and this has not been adequately considered in the planning and EIS. These buildings are rare and important to Parramatta's sense of place and must be retained.
- Resultant Destruction of the Willow Grove building which has significant historic and architectural value as a former women's maternity hospital.
- Resultant Destruction of the St George Terraces which also have significant architectural historical value. These are rare examples that no longer exist elsewhere in Parramatta
- There are other sites where the museum could be situated without such wilful destruction. For example the Fleet Street Precinct would lend itself well to this development and light rail will be nearby.
- The site is flood prone and unsuitable for housing museum items. It will also be a safety risk to people
- The site is inadequate in terms of museum space and is significantly smaller than the existing space in the city
- Storage of exhibition items will need to be off site and will result in valuable items being damaged or at risk of being damaged in transport. These will need to be rotated because of a lack of space
- The majority of the new space is set aside for entertainment and functions – not the PHM as promoted. I find this deceptive and the short space of time in which to respond is cynical because of the information buried in a myriad of reports to be read.
- The cost is unjustifiable given alternative locations.

Please consider my objections and stop this wilful destruction of our history.

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