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Dear Madam/Sir

Submission – Powerhouse Parramatta Project (SSD 10416)

I wish to make a submission in relation to the Powerhouse Parramatta Project currently on public exhibition (SSD 9349).

I object to the proposal to move the existing Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo to a new location in Parramatta, and raise the following concerns in relation to this proposal.

Strategic location & consideration of options

The location of the site for a museum is not ideal from an accessibility and transport point of view, being a considerable distance away from major public transport routes, especially Parramatta Railway Station.

Other suitable site options appear not to have been considered, and the do nothing option of retaining the museum at its present site appears preferable to the proposal described in the environmental impact statement. Insufficient justification for the proposal has been provided.

Heritage issues

The proposal will adversely impact on significant elements of Parramatta's heritage, and the building design is out of context with the heritage and landscape of this site.

Carbon emissions & climate change

With NSW Government policy being to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, it is unacceptable to give approval to development that is not designed to be carbon neutral, or at least demonstrates the carbon emission impacts over its entire lifetime. This must also be considered in conjunction with other options, such as the do nothing option.

Insufficient attention has been given to this issue in the design of the project.

Flooding considerations

Constructing a significant public building on flood liable land is inappropriate and unacceptable. Alternative sites are preferable, and the EIS has not given adequate consideration to this issue and its implications.

Sustainability

Issues of ecological, social and economic sustainability have been inappropriately and inadequately considered in the EIS. Alternative options for the existing and proposed site could provide much more sustainable solutions than what has been proposed, and have not been evaluated.

Conclusions

The proposal on exhibition is inappropriate and should not be approved. Better options are available, including maintaining the Powerhouse Museum at its present location. The EIS has not adequately considered important issues of public interest, and the deficiencies and limitations of the site for the proposed development, especially flooding and transport.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely

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