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I object to the Powerhouse Parramatta project.

In confidence

As a member of the public who spent the first 21 years of their life in the Parramatta area, with Parramatta being the major hub of my social life and shopping, I am saddened and appalled at the decision to consider the destruction of Willow Grove and St Georges Terraces to make way for a museum that is more suitable for its present location.

Every time I visit the area now I am saddened by the number of older classical Parramatta buildings that have been removed to make way for ugly high-rises so that someone can make a profit. There appears to be no respect for our history or heritage in the area despite Parramatta being the centre of NSW earlier history. There will soon be nothing left for our children and grandchildren to see of our past.

Willow Grove is a particularly beautiful example of an architectural style that needs to be preserved for our future at all costs. Once buildings like this are destroyed they can't be replaced. The fact that this building spent three decades as a maternity hospital means that it also is special place to the hundreds of locals that were born there.

The Powerhouse Museum was built in its present location to reflect the technological past, present and future of our City, State and Nation. Moving it to a random, unsuitable, flood-prone site in an outer region of Sydney just so money can be made from its existing land is environmental vandalism! Unfortunately we seem to be seeing more of that all the time with our present 'Government'.

Please reconsider the destruction of Willow Grove and St Georges Terraces as they can't be replaced.

I have not made any reportable political donations.

I request that my name and address be withheld from publication.