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Dear Mr Jennejohn,

RE: Willow Grove and St George Terraces, Parramatta

The CFMEU writes to object to the Powerhouse Parramatta project and calling on the NSW Government to **preserve as heritage** the buildings in Parramatta known as Willow Grove and St George Terraces.

The CFMEU does not object to the creation of a museum and cultural centre for the people of Parramatta and Western Sydney. This would, especially at this time of economic uncertainty, also create much needed jobs. However, this cannot be done at the expense of losing some of the last examples of architecture dating back to the 1800's. It is important for current and future generations to have a connection with the past and the preservation of these important buildings will provide such a connection.

As you are aware the CFMEU has placed a Green Ban on the demolition of these structures, with the support of the local community and beyond. 14,000 people signed a petition in 2018 and in just over a week almost another 3000 people have signed the CFMEU online petition against the two heritage sites being demolished. People want these building saved from destruction. The City of Parramatta Council have passed two unanimous motions that the two heritage buildings should be incorporated in ANY future development of the site and not demolished.

The riverbank site is not the best site for a museum, due to the threat to heritage, and serious flood issues and there is a better suited state government owned 30ha of land in Parramatta for an arts and cultural precinct known as the North Parramatta Heritage Precinct (Cumberland Hospital East Precinct) - attach the alternative vision proposal that is community backed.

We trust that good sense will prevail and these important parts of Australia's heritage are preserved for future generations and the alternative proposal is supported by Government.

Yours faithfully



Darren Greenfield

State Secretary

The CFMEU has made and properly reported political donations.

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