

We object to the Powerhouse Parramatta Project for the following reasons:

1. The Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo is an excellent museum which will be destroyed if moved to Parramatta. That its doors are now closed is a tragedy for those of us who appreciate its unique collection of objects.
2. The Ultimo location is central to the population of Sydney. Parramatta is not. Whilst Parramatta is convenient for many Sydney residents, there is a large proportion for whom it is not.
For us who live in the southern suburbs along the Illawarra line, to travel there is daunting: either fight the heavy traffic and then hunt for parking, or take the train journey (more than an hour). Just try that with young children!
3. The Powerhouse proposed for Parramatta has been misrepresented as a 'replacement' for the original museum. Its site area is significantly reduced and a fraction of the exhibition space at Ultimo. Using the building proposed as a sizeable event venue is not what a science and applied arts museum is about.
4. That heritage buildings – Willowgrove and the St Georges Terraces – are required to be demolished in order for the flawed Powerhouse Parramatta project to proceed is unacceptable.
5. The state of New South Wales is in recession so it is essential that government money should be spent on projects that will deliver value to the community and create jobs. The huge amount of money required for this project would be far better spent on infrastructure such as renewable energy solutions and transport.

We believe the Powerhouse Parramatta project is ill-conceived and the selling of to the people of Sydney is a misrepresentation of what the actual project is. It should be stopped.

We declare we have made no political donations.

Our names and email are provided for this submission only and may not be passed to other organisations without our express permission.

Signed,



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