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## I OBJECT TO THE POWERHOUSE PARRAMATTA

My objection is to both the concept and the location. The Museum should be located in the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct which would be a safer and less expensive option.

Also, the present intended location requires the destruction of precious heritage buildings (Willow Tree and St George Terraces).

As well, the plan to destroy the present Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo is really vandalism. There is little doubt that the initial intent was to realise funds from the sale of the whole site. The only hurdle to that intent has been the public outcry.

I am wholeheartedly in favour of a world class museum in Parramatta but not at the expense of destroying the world class Ultimo Powerhouse.

The Museum we are getting is certainly not world class, indeed it is hardly a Museum at all but a commercial event space with a residential floor.

It sounds like a repeat of the (Bankwest) Stadium. Having attended Wanderers Soccer matches since the inception of the Club I'm aware of the 'pup' we were sold there. The improvements that eventuated could have been largely been achieved by erecting stands at both ends of the field at far less expense to the public. What has happened is that the preferred side of the stadium, which had been opened to all members, is now restricted to corporate boxes.

Not hard to see the parallel.

Also disappointing was the lack of any real consultation with the community and, one assumes, with the Council since the plan ignores the City of Parramatta's own 2017 Cultural Plan.

So give us a real Museum that the community wants and not a disguised commercial space.

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