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Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Attention Marcus Jennejohn

Re: Relocation of Powerhouse Museum Ultimo to Parramatta.

I object to the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta on the following grounds:

1. The proposed site is too small and subject to flooding. The cost of flood mitigation will no doubt lead to cost blow-outs, as has been the case with the stadium in Moore Park.
2. Historic buildings will be demolished to make way for an extremely ugly proposed new edifice. The State Government has not even offered to relocate Willow Grove, showing a complete lack of interest in Parramatta's existing cultural heritage. Not to mention the shameful exercise of demolishing a convict built pub on a Sunday to catch local protestors unawares. Practices used by dodgy developers to rid a site of annoying heritage buildings.
3. The cost of \$1.5 billion to move a perfectly good and functioning Museum when half the costs are going into relocation of exhibits and storage for artefacts, some of which may never be seen again.

There have been many excellent proposals for alternative sites and an alternative focus of the museum exploring the history of New South Wales through Indigenous history and culture, colonial history and convict history.

There have been a number of excellent articles written in the Sydney Morning Herald for example, illustrating the complete madness of this enterprise, not to mention the fact that the local Parramatta Council does not support locating a museum on this site and has come up with its own preferred option.

Yours sincerely



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