

# Julie Owens MP

Your local Federal Member for Parramatta



Ms Emily Dickson  
Panel Secretariat  
NSW Department of Planning & Environment

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**By email**

Dear Ms Dickson,

**Subject: Extension for the public exhibition period for Parramatta Leagues Club  
Hotel development (SSD 17\_8800)**

I have been approached by a number of constituents with concerns that the public exhibition period for the above application will expire tomorrow, Friday, 22 February 2019. On behalf of those constituents, I ask that the period for consultation be extended for as long as is practicable to allow my constituents to express their concerns.

The concerns raised with me include that the development site is at or near areas of great significance to the history and heritage of Parramatta and thereby Australia, and that the consultation period has been inadequate given the time of year it has been held.

Near to the proposed development is Old Government House which is World and National Heritage listed, the Parramatta Female Factory which is also National Heritage listed, and of course Parramatta Park. I have noted community concerns regarding the proposed development's visual impact to Parramatta Park and a discrepancy in the number of floors proposed in the building in addition to the timing of the exhibition period.

I also note concerns about the development's impact on potential World Heritage Listing for the Parramatta Female Factory, something which many of my constituents have advocated for.

I understand the public exhibition started during the school holidays before the Australia Day long weekend. School has only just returned in the past weeks and Parramatta locals are only now turning their minds back to matters of governance and procedure.

I am concerned that the wider community has not been given an appropriate opportunity to provide their views about this development. I note that Parramatta Council shares my view and last night passed a motion to the same effect.

I would therefore encourage you to review the process of this public exhibition with the view of extending it for as long as possible.

In the mean time, I have informed my constituents that time is running out for them to provide their views on the proposed development.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Yours sincerely,

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