



2 July 2020

Mr Marcus Jennejohn  
Planner  
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment  
4 Parramatta Square  
Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Mr Jennejohn,

**Re: Powerhouse Parramatta EIS Submission**

I write in support of the Powerhouse Parramatta Environment Impact Statement (EIS). The Powerhouse Parramatta represents a critical investment in the cultural arts infrastructure of Western Sydney and will be an important economic stimulus project for the region during the COVID-19 recession. I note and welcome that the project is anticipated to support 4,000 direct and indirect jobs at a time of growing unemployment.

Western Sydney has faced a historical deficit in cultural arts funding and infrastructure for decades. A Deloitte study commissioned by the Western Sydney Business Chamber in 2014 shows that Western Sydney represents 1 in 10 Australians yet attracts only 1% of Commonwealth arts program funding, and only 5.5 % of the States Cultural Arts, heritage and events funding. The new Powerhouse Parramatta will begin the process of addressing this historic underinvestment by establishing a Tier 1 cultural facility in the geographic heart of our city.

Powerhouse Parramatta will be an economic boon for the Central City of Parramatta. Local businesses and the Parramatta city economy will benefit from the more than one to two million visitors each year that will be attending the changing and exciting exhibitions at the new museum. The design of the new Powerhouse Parramatta will provide an exception new open space connecting the heart of the Parramatta CBD with the river and encouraging the public to engage with the riverfront with a range of new outdoor entertainment and recreational activities that will be connected to the new facility. I applaud that this new facility will be a nationally important cultural institution and reflect Western Sydney's strong connection to our first Australians and multicultural communities.

I commend the Powerhouse Parramatta's strong focus on developing educational learning opportunities for the children in Western Sydney and providing pathways to STEM related skill development and careers. Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the Powerhouse Parramatta.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyall Gorman'.

Lyall Gorman  
CEO

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