

Formal Support for the Move of Powerhouse Museum to the City of Parramatta

As a local resident of the City of Parramatta, I would like to formally submit my support for the move of the Powerhouse Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta. With this region having long been positioned by the City of Parramatta as 'Australia's Next Great City', recent years have seen a substantial movement that looks to bring this sentiment to actuality. With \$10 million in residential and infrastructural investment being planned across the next 5 years, the City of Parramatta is a rapidly changing region that is soon positioned to offer a wealth of employment, residential and leisure options for Australian residents and visitors abroad. Whilst these are all key qualities of a major city, the role of key cultural offerings cannot be understated.

The region has for a considerable time offered this through the National Theatre of Parramatta and other cultural institutions, but with a growing city comes the need for an enhanced cultural and artistic offering. For the residents of Parramatta, this move will offer a major cultural and artistic attractions that will facilitate a greater connection to place, offer greater employment opportunities, and stimulate the already rapidly developing economy through tourism initiatives and more. For the Powerhouse Museum, there is considerable value in establishing a presence in Parramatta. Not only is this city becoming more established, but through initiatives such as the light rail and overall transit upgrades, it is becoming vastly more connected than ever before.

With a presence in Parramatta, the Powerhouse Museum will be positioned as one of the most attractive cultural offerings available in Greater Western Sydney, home to one of Australia's most culturally and linguistically diverse populations. In closing, I believe that residents of Greater Western Sydney should be able to access world class cultural offerings without having to travel to the CBD and Sydney's East. Through this potential move to Parramatta, the Powerhouse Museum has the promise to make this happen.