

## **NPRAG calls on Premier Berejiklian to stop destroying Australia's second oldest city**

Seven months out from the crucial 2019 state election, the North Parramatta Residents' Action Group (NPRAG) calls on Premier Berejiklian to start listening to the community, stop destroying Australia's heritage and history, and make seven urgent changes to her Government's current policies:

1. Entrust the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct in North Parramatta to the Parramatta Park Trust and immediately halt UrbanGrowth's monstrous development plans for the Cumberland Hospital East Campus.
2. Respect the largest petition in Parramatta's history (13,000 signatures) and abandon the State Government's plan to destroy Willow Grove and the seven St Georges terraces to make way for two 50-storey tower blocks.
3. Retain the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo where it belongs.
4. Build a new museum in the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct, not on a flood prone site on the banks of the Parramatta River.
5. Pay for the entire cost of the replacement pool for the Parramatta War Memorial Pool that the State Government destroyed; stop pillaging Parramatta Council assets and then demanding that local ratepayers bear the cost.
6. Divert the Light Rail route to preserve the 190-year-old Royal Oak Hotel, safeguard the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct, and protect the vital small businesses along Parramatta's famous 'Eat Street'.
7. Mandate equal representation for the community on all park trustee boards in NSW, with full voting powers to ensure proper governance and the protection of public lands. In the case of the Parramatta Park Trust, permanently reserve one position for the National Trust of Australia.

This platform was endorsed unanimously at the August meeting of the 250 members of NPRAG. The community has spoken time and again. Premier Berejiklian must stop treating Australia's second oldest city like her personal fiefdom and start respecting Australia's heritage and history, otherwise there will be voter backlash at the next state election.



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