



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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30 August 2019

Marion Barker
By email marhed2000@bigpond.com

Dear Marion

Powerhouse Museum

I refer to your email about the NSW Government's proposal to move the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta. Thank you for your positive feedback about my work. I appreciate your strong support for the Powerhouse Museum remaining in situ.

The City remains opposed to the relocation of the museum to Parramatta. At its meeting on 11 March 2019, Council endorsed the findings of a New South Wales Parliamentary inquiry that the business case for the relocation of the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta is 'inadequate,' and recommended against the move. The inquiry also recommended that the museum be 'restored to its former glory' by calling for major investment, and recognised the iconic status of the museum. Council also resolved to advocate for the immediate restoration of artefacts to the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo, and for more investment in the site into the future.

I enclose a copy of the Resolution of Council for your information. You can find more information about the inquiry online at bit.ly/2rgVMJS.

Despite the City's position and the findings of the Parliamentary inquiry, there are strong indications that the Government plans to go ahead with the proposed move. The Government has purchased the site for the proposed new museum from the City of Parramatta. They have also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Parramatta committing the Government to using the site for the relocation of the Powerhouse or a new museum that will be the flagship museum for the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences. The Government is also conducting an international design competition for the new museum.

It is nonetheless essential that the Ultimo site retains a strong museum presence. I am continuing to call on the Minister for the Arts and the Premier to retain the Powerhouse Museum for cultural purposes and reintegrating the site into the surrounding cultural, creative and innovation precinct. We have also indicated to the Minister for the Arts that we are willing to work with the Government to maximise the creative and cultural possibilities for the Powerhouse and the surrounding precinct, and to take part in any discussions aimed at securing the future of existing cultural infrastructure.

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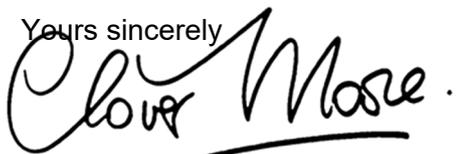
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As this is ultimately a NSW Government decision, I also encourage you also to contact your local Member of Parliament (MP) with your feedback and to ask them to advocate on your behalf. I also encourage you to raise your specific concerns about the Harwood Building when you contact your MP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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