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#### **Museum vision**

In his recent letter (October 27) former Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) trustee, Leo Schofield, highlights some areas of clear misunderstanding in the building of a new Museum in Parramatta.

Firstly, considerations of cost, design, and collection management are the subject of a comprehensive business case, which is being prepared for government's consideration. This business case will provide a detailed estimate of the project costs and establish a best practice recommendation for the museum's transition.

Secondly, this business case is considered by government to be cabinet in confidence, and as such, it is not at the discretion of the museum's director nor the trust president to release the detail of this document.

The museum is now faced with, subject to final approval by cabinet, an unprecedented opportunity to deliver on the government's vision of a new, iconic world-class museum in Parramatta; an opportunity which requires creativity, innovation and energy. The MAAS Trust sees this energy and vision in the museum's director Dolla Merrillees, who is a highly respected museum professional providing outstanding leadership and advocacy.

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