

**Correspondence on Twitter with Craig Hall,
CDP (Christian Democratic Party) NSW State Director
April 30, May 4, 15, 2018**



Craig Hall- CDP NSW State Director @CDPNSWDirector · Apr 30

With Parramatta Lord Mayor Andrew Wilson celebrating Powerhouse Museum move to Parramatta. Premier announced it at Parra on 28th April. A riverside site, plenty parking, access to public transport, ferry at the door - it just makes good sense.

[#PowerhouseMuseum](#) [#ParramattaMayor](#)



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Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · May 4

Now if they'd wanted to put Barney Glover's coveted regional kids science edutainment facility in Parramatta, call it Powerhouse/Kids, and keep the main Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo where the WORLD visiting Sydney can reach it, it'd have my support.

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Problem is attendance at current site is declining, has absolutely no parking, no access by public transport, and is an old warehouse and was never designed for artifacts and is in need of \$500 million in upgrade.

2:54 AM · 15 May 2018



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 6m

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1) Attendance is declining because of appalling lack of continued investment in exhibits/curators + lack of promotion that used to be EVERYWHERE + uncertainty about the museum's future.



Craig Hall- CDP NSW State Director @CDPNSWDirector · 2m

Precisely Helen, that's why they are moving it to a new location where all that will be taken care of. There will even be spots for the Greens to park their bicycles - once they unload them from their V8 Jeeps being their car of choice (Ouch the carbon footprint)



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 25s

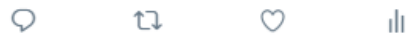
No, the declining attendance is CAUSED BY the move and the LNP's refusal to spend LESS money on the current location than they're willing to spend on the new one. Not being a Green, I can't speak to bikes but there are plenty of places to chain them up in Ultimo, too.



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 2m

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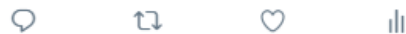
5) Then upgrade it, like the stadium is being upgraded instead of being torn down and rebuilt. It's a museum of arts and sciences -- it needs continuous updates, and when they're not funded, eventually you ARE going to have a big bill to bring it current again.



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 2m

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4) Numerous historical and science museums around the world are located in repurposed heritage buildings. They do fine - consider Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, Virginia's Science Museum of Virginia, etc. The Powerhouse redesign won a Sulman award for excellent repurposing!



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 4m

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3) I can take a bus to DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF the entrance (not a "5 minute" for able-bodied walk away), or light rail to Paddy's Market just behind it (take the steps up).



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 5m

Replying to @CDPNSWDirector

2) Your mates at the LNP should have thought about the issue of parking before they got rid of the Ent Centre car park and the pedestrian bridge to directly behind the museum. It was more useful than yet another stupid unit block.





Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 17h

A working family who's going to be in NSW for more than 3-5 days likely all have opal cards and would not find the Sydney Trains system as intimidating as a tourist who may not speak English. The ferry takes forever AND often doesn't even actually GO to Parramatta (tides/floods).

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I'm sorry Helen you seem to judging things from a distance of never having been there. The ferries do go right to Parramatta - you should catch one and see first hand - and why would a flood where the river level rises a meter even bother a ferry? Last flood being 1986.

3:16 AM - 15 May 2018

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So in summary, nice try, but incorrect on three counts. I've been to the Parramatta Westfield at least a half dozen times. The ferries DO often stop at Rydalmere due to tidal or flood issues. And the last flood was no less recent than 2016, and probably more recent than that.

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Aaand, last but not least, here's flood modeling. The entire area is vulnerable to a 1-in-20-year event, and the site in particular is vulnerable to 4m of inundation.

imgur.com/a/8ueQFwn #Powerhouse #gettherealfacts



ENTIRE proposed PHM site vulnerable to more than 4m of inundation

Imgur

imgur.com



Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 1h

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Craig, the ABC would beg to differ with you about that exact area flooding.

abc.net.au/news/2016-06-0...



Car Park in the background

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Helen Jacobsen @helen_it · 2h

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I'm sorry Craig, you must not be an often passenger on the ferry. A full HALF the times I've tried to take them on weekends, they've stopped several stops before Parramatta because the river conditions wouldn't allow them to go all the way there!

