



Dear Grace,

MIKE BAIRD FACES POWERHOUSE INQUIRY

A few short hours ago former Premier Mike Baird finished giving evidence to a parliamentary inquiry established to investigate the government's decision to blow-up the Powerhouse Museum.

I was there today, representing our community who stand to lose so much if this move goes ahead. For the most part, Baird avoided giving meaningful responses to questions.



Former Premier Mike Baird speaking in the Jubilee Room

Mr Baird couldn't say why his government committed to moving the Powerhouse before a business case was completed. He couldn't say why the government didn't consider creating a new custom museum at Parramatta instead of translocating the Powerhouse. He couldn't name any consultation that occurred with local Council or local community groups before announcing the decision either.

It's clear that the Powerhouse move isn't about creating the best possible museum in Western Sydney, it's about short changing the

public by letting greedy property developers snatch up land in Ultimo.

This coming Friday, Baird's former Chief of Staff will give evidence. **I remain totally committed to safeguarding the Powerhouse at its true home in Ultimo.**

I'll keep you informed on the progress of this Inquiry and thank you for taking the time to support this important effort to improve our community. If you would like to discuss this issue with me further, please feel free to contact me directly either by email at balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au or call 9660 7586.

Yours sincerely,



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