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Premier's Pet Architects' Secret Plan To Demolish Historic Willow Grove Property“

The North Parramatta Residents Action Group (NPRAG) is outraged at leaked reports from the NSW Government that the Premier has decided to demolish the 1870s-built Victorian Italianate villa "Willow Grove" in order to build the Parramatta Powerhouse Museum.

" We have been alerted that the final six architects were instructed to develop two options for the proposed powerhouse museum on the river bank in Parramatta . One design would retain the State Heritage listed, and 150 year old, former maternity hospital... the other design would demolish it. We've been told that this decision has already been made, no doubt to be dropped out as people enter their Christmas breaks in the hope of avoiding scrutiny.

If this is true, it's a disgrace. Only the Premier can reverse this decision, and we are calling on her to do so. If Willow Grove was in Willoughby there is no way this would be happening.

This is an appalling start to what was promised as a move towards cultural funding equality; another bonus for developers," said Suzette Meade, spokesperson for the North Parramatta Residents Action Group.

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