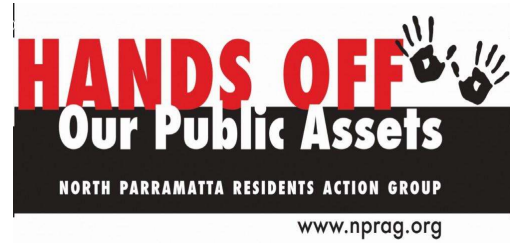


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## **ON IWD WE URGE PREMIER BEREJKLIAN TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF WOMENS HERITAGE**

Women were the unsung builders and creators of culture in Parramatta. From the remarkable Dharug leader Maria Locke, to the heroines of labour in the Female Factory, it is women have made Parramatta a heritage hot spot. Now, two centuries of women's history and heritage is under direct threat from the NSW Government.

In NSW the heritage Minister Don Harwin is determined to obliterate places of deep importance in women's history in Parramatta. By removing Willow Grove the 150 year old home of pioneering business woman Annie Gallagher and later maternity hospital from its place to erect a museum about Parramatta's history.

The minister for western Sydney and Tourism Stuart Ayres is leasing out Australia's most intact female convict site of over 5000 mothers of our nation, for office space. While Rob Stokes the Planning and Public Spaces Minister has a monstrous proposal to fill the botanic heritage estate this sacred women's site is nestled in, worthy UNESCO world heritage with 1000s of residential units.

"On IWD we urge everyone to stop the heritage vandalism in Parramatta. Stop the reckless demolition of Annie Gallagher's Willow Grove. Stop the NSW Government erasing women's heritage places and stories in North Parramatta Female Factory precinct. We must listen to women, hear their voices, and protect their places for the future". – **Kylie Winkworth Powerhouse Museum Alliance**

"The Powerhouse Museum must not be complicit in the destruction of our women's heritage - Willowgrove must be saved and cherished." "How can women, children and men from across our community understand our history - women's history - to build our shared future if we destroy women's heritage? We must Cherish Willowgrove and the Female Factory and shout loudly to the world about women's contribution to Australia." – **Jennifer Sanders, Powerhouse Museum Alliance**

"Instead of being revered the status and memories of our women's history in Parramatta is being erased demolished for development, or having serviced offices plonked inside. How can our daughters aspire to greatness when our leaders are not showing respect for the stories of the strong, determined and resilient women that came before them? "

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