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FATE OF WILLOWGROVE LEFT TO PEOPLE POWER

Today the NSW Court of Appeal handed down their judgment on the North Parramatta Residents Action Group (NPRAG) appeal against the decision in the NSW Land and Environment Court in NPRAG v Infrastructure NSW.

NPRAG was represented by SC Tim Hale who prosecuted the case that Infrastructure NSW had failed to adhere to the SEARs and consider any alternative sites or designs that would incorporate heritage for the Parramatta Powerhouse.

NPRAG would like to thank our legal team Tim Hale SC, his associate Parisa Hart and Geoff Baldwin from Stacks Champion.

On behalf of Save Willow Grove supporters, NPRAG are demanding a moratorium on any works being carried out at Willow Grove until lockdown restrictions are lifted on Sydney.

NPRAG spokesperson, Suzette Meade, stated emphatically *'Plan A has always been the passion and the power of the community and unions working together. In the spirit of Jack Munday, a CFMEU greenban will save this site and Willow Grove will remain on Phillip Street Parramatta, forever. The legal proceedings were always our Plan B'*.

"At the hands of the NSW Government the people of Parramatta have already lost our public pools for a stadium, a pub older than Perth for a light rail. We will not lose Willow Grove." Said Ms Meade

"The people of Parramatta shouldn't have to choose our heritage or cultural funding – we deserve to have both, and the community will continue to fight for this"