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"POWERHOUSE ULTIMO RENEWAL" SSD NOW ON EXHIBITION

The Department of Planning has announced that the State Significant Development (SSD) project "Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal" is now on exhibition on the NSW Planning Portal site <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/powerhouse-ultimo-renewal>. and open for Public submissions until **20 July 2022**.

The EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) comprises 39 documents including a Conservation Management Plan, a set of Architectural Plans...and a Consultation Outcome Report. in which we learn that the "renewed" Powerhouse Ultimo is designed as a "presentation and education facility" (which is NOT the official definition of a "museum") but nonetheless that "comments that a focus on fashion and design is inadequate, and that the museum should have a broader focus" had been noted.

An initial reading of the architectural plans indicates that:

- the Harwood building is excluded from the Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal
- the project involves the entire gutting of the "Heritage Core" (Turbine, Engine and Boiler Halls and Switch House).
- a new 30m tall building on the current forecourt location (dwarfing the adjacent Wran Building) will be constructed
- a new entrance at the end of the Goods Line will be created.

The project has many flaws and a great deal of time will require time to analyse the thousands of pages of documentation

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