



Andrew Charlton MP

MEMBER FOR PARRAMATTA

STOP THE OVERDEVELOPMENT OF NORTH PARRAMATTA

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Dear Resident,

Have you heard about the plans to cram 30,000 people onto the old Cumberland Hospital site in North Parramatta?

This proposal will destroy some of Parramatta's last green space, compromise our heritage buildings, and cause traffic chaos.

Last weekend I held a community BBQ to explain why I oppose this development.

Did you know that Parramatta has **more housing** approvals than any other local government area in NSW?

We support more housing in the CBD, on Church St and Westmead South. But we don't support losing our heritage or more of our last remaining green space.



HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Have your say – The NSW Government is accepting public submissions until **February 24**. Make your voice heard by lodging a submission. Scan the QR code below to lodge a submission.



Select **"I OBJECT"** to be marked as not supporting the current rezoning proposal.
If you can't submit online, **drop your submission at my office, and we'll upload it for you.**

Sign my petition – Demand that the government press pause on this development until after we secure World Heritage Listing for the Female Factory. We can't let anything jeopardise this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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Protect Our Heritage – Support a Smarter Vision for Our City

“Parramatta is a city with a **rich history**, home to some of Australia’s most significant heritage sites. Yet, the NSW Government is pushing a plan to build thousands of homes and a campus for 25,000 students in the Parramatta North Heritage Precinct. This means cramming nearly **30,000 people into North Parramatta**—about the same as the entire population of Epping—all in one small area.

This proposal includes up to 30 buildings, some as high as 80 metres, and others just 15 metres from the impending UNESCO World Heritage-listed Parramatta Female Factory. This is a massive overdevelopment that shows a lack of imagination and ambition for our city. Instead of embracing our unique heritage, this plan risks destroying it,”



Phil Russo OAM
President of North Parramatta Residents
Action Group (NPRAG)

A Heritage Site Worth Protecting

“North Parramatta is home to some of Australia’s most important historical sites: The Parramatta Female Factory, currently under assessment for World Heritage Listing (final assessment in 2029), the Parramatta Gaol, the Parramatta Girls Home and Indigenous sites that tell the deep history of this land

If these sites were in The Rocks, they would be protected and cherished. But because they are in Parramatta, they are being overlooked and undervalued. We need a smarter, more ambitious plan for this precinct - one that respects and enhances our history rather than erasing it,”



Julie Owens
Former Federal Member
for Parramatta (2004 - 2019)

WHY “PRESS PAUSE” ON REZONING?

A Lost Opportunity for a World-Class Tourism Precinct

“Instead of packing thousands of people into a sensitive heritage site, we should be creating a cultural and tourism hub that brings jobs and investment to our city. Imagine a precinct like Port Arthur or Salamanca Bay, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Heritage tourism brings **long-term financial benefits, increased employment, and new opportunities for small businesses in Parramatta.** A well-planned heritage precinct could strengthen Parramatta’s economy while preserving our history,”



Suzette Meade
Heritage Advocate

Parramatta is already doing more than its fair share for new housing.

“Parramatta is already doing more than our share to build more housing. Did you know Parramatta is the number one local government area for new housing approvals in NSW. We have approved more housing than any other council in NSW. And we have many sites that can take more housing like **Parramatta CBD, Church St North Parramatta, Westmead South and Macquarie Boys.** On these sites there are opportunities for tens of thousands of new homes.

But all these new residents will need green spaces for kids to play and enjoy time walking our dogs in nature. It’s short-sighted to destroy one of the few remaining open spaces in Parramatta”



Dr Andrew Charlton MP
Federal Member for Parramatta