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Message

I strongly object to the proposed “additional demolition and rebuild of the Wran Building and removal of the loading dock and other internal and external changes.”

The Wran Building and Galleria is a well-constructed, purpose built, functional, and attractive structure with significant social and architectural heritage value. It will be replaced with an imitation of the existing building, involving yet more money and no doubt further delaying the opening of what is left of this important and cherished, site-specific museum. And what about the demolition of the loading dock? Is it because the government plans to have no exhibitions – permanent or temporary – that require a loading dock?

There is nothing wrong, and everything right, about the Wran Building and everything slated for demolition in this ‘modification application’. At the end, what we will end up with is millions of dollars and many years wasted. A museum that is a shadow of its former glorious self. I strongly reject of this modification and the advocate the retention of these buildings. This will ensure that at least some part of this ‘revitalised Powerhouse retains the integrity for which it was once world-renowned.