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Powerhouse for the west

Western Sydney Councils have welcomed Infrastructure NSW's suggestion to move Powerhouse Museum exhibits to Sydney's west.

President of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) Cllr Tony Hadchiti said "This would be a fantastic asset for the people of Western Sydney."

"WSROC have long advocated for increased arts and cultural investment for Sydney's west and this is exactly the kind of institution that our residents want and need," he said.

"The Powerhouse Museum would provide a fantastic complement to school science programs, as well as create learning and employment opportunities in this growing region."

"There is a great inequity in arts funding between Western Sydney and the rest of the city and our region needs more first-class arts and cultural institutions. The majority of funding is reserved for Sydney's inner-city and it is encouraging to see the NSW Government recognises this needs to change," said Cllr Hadchiti.

"Western Sydney makes up one third of the total NSW population, yet it receives less than one percent of funding for arts and cultural initiatives. We need to address this imbalance and invest in our most vibrant and diverse communities," he said.

"Parramatta is an ideal location for a museum as it is central to Sydney's population base – two million of whom live in Western Sydney."

"Planned transport infrastructure upgrades such as the Parramatta light rail perfectly complement the proposed move, improving accessibility for residents and decreasing traffic congestion."

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