



The Hon. Robert Borsak MLC

Parliament of New South Wales
Legislative Council
Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party



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Government Thumbs Nose at Upper House Call-for-Papers on Powerhouse Museum

A furious Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party MLC Robert Borsak responded to the Government's return of documents relating to the Powerhouse Museum relocation after a call-for-papers by the Legislative Council on April 12.

Mr Borsak is Chair of a Parliamentary inquiry into Museums and Galleries, examining the proposed relocation of the Powerhouse Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Office of Arts Minister Don Harwin, Department of Planning and Environment, and Infrastructure New South Wales each returned a letter saying they had no documents in their possession.

"When we're hearing privately that the Powerhouse Museum relocation decision is before Cabinet, it astounds me that there are no documents being produced by the Government in response to the Call-for-Papers by the Upper House.

"The Government said they received a business case before December so they must have it or you have to call them liars.

"When is Arts Minister Don Harwin going to come clean about this fiasco, and abandon this attempt at porkbarrelling Parramatta?

"Minister Harwin and his Government should adopt the interim recommendations of my Parliamentary inquiry once a business case is actually produced.

"There is no reason not to have a world-class museum or arts facility in Parramatta but that does not mean the destruction of the Powerhouse Museum campus in Ultimo.

"Gladys Berejiklian's Government must come clean now otherwise they have lost all credibility on this issue."

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Mr David Blunt
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Order for Papers – Business case for the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum

Dear Mr Blunt

I refer to the resolution of the Legislative Council under Standing Order 52 made on 12 April 2018 and your correspondence of that date, concerning the business case for the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum order for papers.

Enclosed at **Annexure A** are certification letters from the following officers certifying that, to the best of their knowledge, no documents covered by the terms of the resolution are held:

- Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier
- Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Arts
- Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment, including Create NSW, and
- Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

I can also certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Department of Premier and Cabinet holds no documents covered by the terms of the resolution.

Should you require any clarification or further assistance, please contact Ms Karen Smith, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet and Legal on telephone (02) 9228 4514.

Yours sincerely



Tim Reardon
Secretary

Date: 26 April 2018

*Correspondence received at 4.45pm
Thursday 26 April 2018*



Ms Jacqueline Moore
Executive Director, Legal
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Level 14, 52 Martin Place
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By Hand

Dear Ms Moore

Standing Order 52 – Order for Papers – Powerhouse Museum relocation business case

I refer to Ms Karen Smith's letter to me of 13 April 2018 in relation to the Powerhouse Museum relocation business case.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that no documents covered by the terms of the resolution are held by the Office of the Premier, as set out in the annexure.

Please contact Mr Tom Payten of this office on 8574 5000 if you have any questions in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Cruickshank
Chief of Staff



Don Harwin MLC

Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities,
Minister for the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council

Ms Jacqueline Moore
Executive Director, Legal
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Level 14, 52 Martin Place
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Dear Ms Moore,

I certify to the best of my knowledge that there are no documents held by the Office of the Minister for the Arts that are covered by the terms of the resolution.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kirk', written over a faint, illegible background.

Andrew Kirk

Chief of Staff

Office of the Hon. Don Harwin MLC

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Planning &
Environment

Ms Jacqueline Moore
Executive Director, Legal
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Your ref: A2499933

Dear Ms Moore

Standing Order 52 – Order for Papers – Powerhouse Museum relocation business case

I certify to the best of my knowledge that there are no documents held by the Department of Planning and Environment (which includes Create NSW) that are covered by the terms of the resolution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. McNally', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn McNally
Secretary

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Dear Mr Blunt

**ORDER FOR PAPERS – POWERHOUSE MUSEUM RELOCATION BUSINESS
CASE**

I refer to your letter dated 12 April 2018, in relation to the Legislative Council's Order in the following terms:

That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 14 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Minister for the Arts, Create NSW, the Department of Planning and Environment or Infrastructure NSW:

- (a) the preliminary and final business case for the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta, and*
- (b) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.*

Infrastructure NSW does not have any documents in its possession, custody or control covered by the terms of the Order.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all documents held by Infrastructure NSW and covered by the terms of the resolution of the Legislative Council have been provided.

Yours sincerely



Jim Betts
Chief Executive Officer