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Mr Jim Betts Secretary
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Re letter of 13 January 2020, #2190947, from Ethos Urban, to your office, online at
<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=SSD-10416%2120200114T092642.228%20GMT>

Sir:

I submit that this letter should not be accepted by your department because there is a fundamental error of fact in the first line, where Ethos Urban refers to Infrastructure NSW as the proponent for the proposed the development of the New Powerhouse at 30B Phillip Street, Parramatta

The facts are that Infrastructure NSW only called only for the urgent investigation of the idea of moving the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta in the *State Infrastructure Strategy Update (November) 2014*.

The project was announced by the then Premier on 26 November 2014 and thus the Government was the proponent of the 'move' idea. No investigation of the merits of the idea was ever done by any competent authority, no investigation of alternatives was ever made, there was no prior consultation with stakeholders (even with the Trustees of the Museum) so no professional organisation such as Infrastructure NSW could possibly be the proponent.

Infrastructure NSW made the position clear in its Business Case Summary, released on April 18 2018. It is the agent of the government, ordered to carry out the project. *'The Business Case takes as its starting point the Government's decision to locate the Powerhouse Museum on the Riverbank site in Parramatta'*. (page 2)

Ethos Urban's letter should be withdrawn and replaced by an accurate letter making it clear that the sole proponent of this project is the Government itself.

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