

Petition

Australia's Forgotten History— Parramatta Female Factory Precinct

It is a little known fact that the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct is the location of Australia's first purpose built female convict establishment. Completed in 1821, all convict women and children sent to NSW ended up there unless otherwise assigned. Since then, the site has also been home to the first government orphanage for Roman Catholic children—later occupied as the Industrial School for Girls, and the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum (today the Cumberland Hospital).

Despite this rich and important history, the Precinct has not been utilised as a National Heritage tourism site for all Australians. The Precinct has the potential to bring into our lives greater understandings of who we are as a people whilst acknowledging the significance it holds for women and the Forgotten Australians of its institutions.

Please support the call for the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct to be declared a site of national significance and returned to the people of Australia.

Please indicate Yes/No and provide an email address if you wish to be informed of future developments.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

We, the undersigned request that the buildings, structures and lands of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct be declared sites of national significance and utilised as a cultural and heritage tourism site for the Australian people.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	EMAIL	YES/NO