

# MEDIA RELEASE



## ANNOUNCING

### THE PRESENTATION TO THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA of the UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE PETITION FOR THE LISTING of the PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY c1818 on behalf of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends and the Australian community

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Ms Susan Templeman MP on behalf of Ms Julie Owens MP, presented a Petition of 11,000+ signatures in support of the Parramatta Female Factory being placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. This internationally significant women's site, a Governor Lachlan Macquarie commission, is the earliest most intact female convict site in Australia.

This presentation is a milestone for the members of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends, convict women descendants, historians, and the local and wider Australian community who have made this possible. This event marks the culmination of years of advocacy for the recognition of this important site and its appropriate custodianship and management into the future. Congratulations! This was a momentous occasion and a Herculean task has been achieved! Thank you to everyone who signed the petition - every signature has counted!

Presentation link: <https://youtu.be/oNTboAYbVaU>

Portrait: Lachlan Macquarie - National Museum of Australia  
Image: Convict woman by Amiel Dizon

Below: Acceptance of 11,000+ signatures by Ms Julie Owens MP



March 7th 2020 - 11,000 signatures presented to Ms Julie Owens MP to table in the Federal Parliament on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> - photography: Lona Logan

