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HIGH CAPACITY FIRE HYDRANTS

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Under Clause 4 of its resolution of appointment, the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House is authorised to consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, or by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

Section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 gives Parliament control over the erection of buildings or other work within the Parliamentary Zone which is defined in the Act. Sub-section 5(1) of the Act provides as follows:

No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary Zone unless the Minister has caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

#### The proposal

On 21 October 1987 the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories referred a proposal for work in the Parliamentary zone to the Committee for its consideration and report.

The proposal refers to the installation of twelve high capacity fire hydrants within the Parliamentary Zone. The proposal states:

The National Capital Development Commission on behalf of the ACT Fire Brigade proposes to install twelve high capacity fire hydrants at various locations within the Parliamentary Zone.

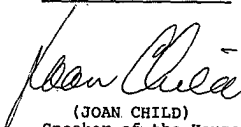
The installation of these hydrants will enable the Fire Brigade to extract, from existing underground mains, sufficient water to fight major building fires within the area. The design of the hydrants has been developed jointly by the National Capital Development Commission, ACT Fire Brigade and the ACT Water Administration for use in Canberra.

The Fire Brigade requires the hydrants to be located within 6 metres of hardstanding to enable connection to the Fire Tender. The hydrants are also sited in visually prominent positions and coloured for quick and easy identification in emergencies.

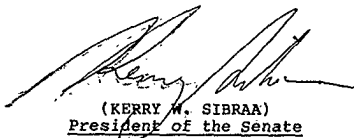
The total estimated cost of the work is \$45,000 and funds have been provided in the Commission's 1987/88 Construction Program.

**Recommendation**

The Committee accepts this proposal and believes it is appropriate for the Parliamentary Zone. Accordingly the Committee recommends that Parliament approve the proposals in terms of the Parliament Act 1974.



(JOAN CHILD)  
Speaker of the House  
of Representatives



(KERRY W. SIBRAA)  
President of the Senate

9 December 1987