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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW
PARLIAMENT HOUSE

REPORT RELATING TO PROPOSED WORK IN THE
PARLIAMENTARY ZONE :

CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKS BEHIND
THE PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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(32nd Parliament)

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PROPOSED WORK IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

Construction of car parks behind the provisional Parliament House

Under clause 3 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(i) 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.

On 5 May 1981, by letters to the Joint Chairmen, the Minister for the Capital Territory, as the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, referred to the Committee the following proposal:

Construction of car parks behind the provisional Parliament House.

The proposal had been tabled in the Senate on 30 April 1981 and in the House of Representatives on 5 May 1981.

The Committee has considered the proposal and reports as follows.

For some years there has been a recognised need to provide additional parking spaces adjacent to Parliament House and also to improve the surface and safety of the temporary area at the rear of the building.

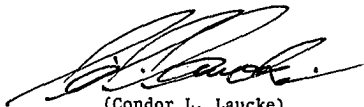
This proposal involves the following works:

- . Conversion of the present gravelled parking area off Queen Victoria Terrace and behind Parliament House into a bitumen sealed 160 space car park.
- . Construction of an additional bitumen sealed 125 space car park to the east of the House with access from Queen Victoria Terrace.
- . Provision of security lighting on 10 metre high steel columns for each car park.

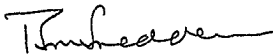
The Committee notes that the estimated cost of the work is \$109,000.

The Committee accepts the need for the work. The project is of a minor nature and will not adversely affect the Parliamentary zone.

The Committee recommends that Parliament approve the proposal in the terms of the Parliament Act 1974.



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