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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

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY AMPHITHEATRE

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(Thirty-third Parliament)

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PROPOSED WORK IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

Australian National Gallery Amphitheatre

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.

On 31 May 1984 by letters addressed to the Joint Chairmen, the Minister for Territories and Local Government, as Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, referred to the Committee a proposal for construction of an amphitheatre within the Sculpture Garden at the Australian National Gallery.

This proposal was tabled in the Senate and the House of Representatives on 5 June 1984.

The Committee has considered the proposal and reports as follows.

The National Capital Development Commission has proposed the construction of formal seating to the Australian National Gallery Amphitheatre. It will be located in the Gallery Sculpture Gardens within the Parliamentary Zone.


The amphitheatre will accommodate approximately 300 people and is to be constructed within the existing grassed "amphitheatre" bowl in the north-west corner of the gardens.


The structure will be concrete tiers with a light sandblasted finish. Seating is to be timber slatted continuous bench units fixed to the concrete. The stage area will be washed concrete finish matching existing paving in the area.

To give sun and wind control as well as a sense of enclosure the amphitheatre surrounds will be planted with trees.

The estimated cost of the project is \$200,000.00 and completion is programmed for March 1985.

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


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6 June 1984