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**SENATE ENQUIRY  
INTO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES**

**with particular reference to**

**(b) policies and practices followed by DPS for the management of the heritage values of Parliament House and its contents;**

Dear Senator Polley

The design of Australia's Parliament House was the result of an international competition. Over the years these competitions have produced a number of great buildings globally.

The International Union of Architects (UIA) has listed Australia's Parliament House on its International Register of Significant World Architecture. The UIA together with other international organisations interested in conserving world architecture such as UNESCO, ICOMOS and DOCOMOMO International require that the highest standards be used to conserve and manage the World's monuments. We are concerned that this has not been the case with Australia's Parliament House.

It is imperative that.

- A Conservation and Management Plan be prepared for all aspects of the building, its contents and its setting. Such a CMP should be to UNESCO, ICOMOS and DOCOMOMO standards.
- Parliament House is recognised for its outstanding heritage values, not only for the building itself, also for the wonderful, specially commissioned artworks and its spectacular setting. The Department of Parliamentary Services should promote this complex in its entirety as strongly as possible so that it is entered onto Australia's National Heritage List.

The UIA is very interested in the future of this outstanding example of architecture in its entirety and would appreciate that it is informed of the outcome of the enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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