

The Committee Secretariat

Re: Inquiry into the administration of the National Memorials Ordinance 1928

I believe that the above mentioned inquiry currently being undertaken includes within its terms of reference proposals for two World War memorials which are intended to be placed close to the shoreline of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra.

I wish to express my concerns to the Committee about the placement of these large structures in a location which will intrude upon existing vistas between Anzac Parade and the Parliamentary Triangle. These vistas are integral to the vision for the built environment of Canberra which was created by landscape architect Walter Burley Griffin in the early twentieth century and endorsed by the founders of the city.

The layout of parklands and designated building precincts around Lake Burley Griffin was carefully conceived by Griffin and has gained an international reputation for the excellence of its design. Indeed, the public lakeside vistas in Canberra have become an iconic heritage feature and tourist attraction of the city.

I believe that the proposed placement of these war memorials is inappropriate and an alternative site which does not compromise the Griffin vision for Canberra should be sought for the memorials.

Yours Sincerely

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