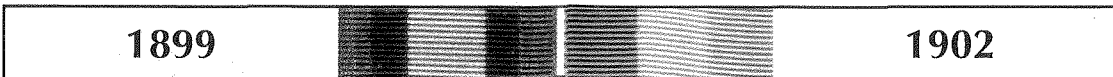




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Senator Louise Pratt
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Dear Senator Pratt,

Re the proposed National Boer War Memorial (NBWM)

I am concerned that the Review of memorials will delay the progress of the NBWM. The purpose of this letter is to seek your help to ensure the NBWM project is not adversely effected by your enquiry

The Design for the NBWM was forwarded to the National Capital Authority (NCA) in October 2010. It has now been cleared by the NCA and placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Canberra National Memorials Committee (CNMC).

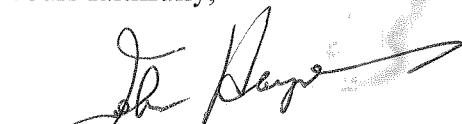
A glance at the design will illustrate our concern over the time available because our sculptor will need two years to complete his work. The current Government imposed deadline for the completion of the NBWM is 31 Dec 2013. Thus we would have to commission our sculptor by Jan 2012 at the latest. As we can't meet this deadline I have asked the Government to extend the deadline to 31 Dec 2014.

In any event we need to have a decision on our design as soon as practicable if we are to have any chance of raising the necessary fund to construct the Memorial before the Anzac Centenary in April 2015.

Would you please do what you can to allow the consideration of the NBWM by the CNMC to take place without delay.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Yours faithfully,


Colonel J.S. Haynes OAM (RL)
President

9/8/11