

INQUIRY INTO AMENITIES IN THE PARLIAMENTARY TRIANGLE

In response to an invitation contained in a letter from Dr Bill Pender, Inquiry Secretary to the Director of the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) I make this submission on behalf of the NGA.

The NGA supports the enhancement of amenities in the parliamentary triangle regardless of the current consideration being given to the introduction of paid parking. We believe amenities within the triangle that would be used by staff working in the triangle as well as visitors should include banks, a post office or sub-agency, hairdresser/barber, dry cleaner, and possibly an ACT Government shopfront and a Medicare/Centrelink office. We believe the number of cafes and restaurants in the triangle to be adequate. We also believe public transport servicing the triangle should be improved particularly should paid parking be introduced.

The NGA supports and encourages staff to cycle to and from work and provides facilities including a secure bike storage space and showers for use of staff. It would be appropriate to ensure that all agencies within the triangle provided appropriate facilities to encourage staff wishing to cycle to and from work.

It is critical for staff that the additional amenities identified be provided if they are to be expected to abandon their cars and commute to and from work using public transport.

I may be contacted on 62406401 should you require further information.

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