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**Australian Heritage Council**

Submission No. 29

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Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories  
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Dear Dr Pender

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2011 inviting the Council to make a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories' inquiry into the administration of the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*.

The Australian Heritage Council suggests in relation to matters associated with the design, location and character of a national memorial, the Ordinance should take into account any necessary statutory compliance processes. For example, it would be prudent to incorporate early consideration of potential impacts on places listed on the National Heritage List or Commonwealth Heritage List. National and Commonwealth Heritage places are protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmen Lawrence'.

The Hon Professor Carmen Lawrence  
Chair  
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