

Dear Sir,

We are regular visitors to our National Capital and are most appreciative of the conceptual planning that underlies its magnificent vistas and grand boulevards, augmented by the fine buildings of our national institutions.

The Australian War Memorial provides a fitting tribute to the sacrifices of those who served the country in times of war, notably during World War I and WWII and several of the more recent memorials that line Anzac Parade are well-designed and contribute to their overall setting.

We are therefore writing to express our strong opposition to the dominant and obtrusive World War 1 and 2 monuments that are proposed to be constructed on the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin. Not only would these be completely out of keeping with the character of our National Capital, but there appears to have been little public involvement in the planning process. Unfortunately, this has led to aggressive and overpowering designs, contrary to the solemn and respectful character that a memorial should embody, and out of place in the parklands and grassy foreshores of the lake.

We believe that construction of these two monuments would NOT be a fitting tribute to those Australians who gave their lives for the nation in times of war.

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