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Good Afternoon,

On 12 March 2021, the National Capital Authority (NCA) received a works approval application from Knight Frank Town Planning for early works associated with a redevelopment project at the Australian War Memorial (AWM). The early works that form part of the application include demolition, excavation, services relocation, temporary hoarding and tree removal.

Construction of new exhibition spaces, research and arrival facilities will form part of a future works approval application. Information regarding the AWM redevelopment project can be found at <https://www.awm.gov.au/ourcontinuingstory>

The Australian War Memorial and Anzac Parade are listed places on the National Heritage List. In November 2019 the AWM referred the proposal to the Department of Agriculture Water and the Environment (DAWE) for its assessment under the provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999) (EPBC Act).-On 10 December 2020, the Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley MP, approved the proposal, with conditions. Further information can be found at <http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/referralslist/>

The need, scope, cost, purpose and value-for money of proposed works are matters that have been addressed by the Australian Parliament's Public Works Committee and considered by elected representatives from across Australia. Further information can be found at [https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/committees/reportjnt/024657/toc\\_pdf/Report12021.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf](https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/committees/reportjnt/024657/toc_pdf/Report12021.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf)

On 22 February 2021, the Committee recommended that the House of Representatives resolve that it is expedient to carry out the Australian War Memorial Development Project. The need for the expansion or the cost of the development are not matters for the NCA to reconsider.

The NCA has approved a number of earlier projects and preparatory works as part of the AWM redevelopment. These include new car parking, asbestos removal and temporary structures that are currently used for display or office purposes or site compounds.

The NCA will assess this works approval application and determine the consistency of the works with the National Capital Plan (the Plan). The Plan focuses on planning matters and the quality of design. These policies ensure that Canberra is a city worthy of its status as the national capital.

The Plan requires that the heritage assessment of all proposals subject to NCA planning approval are assessed in accordance with the provisions the EPBC Act. The approval by Minister Ley satisfies the heritage conditions of the Plan and will guide the NCA's assessment of this matter.

The NCA is undertaking public consultation on this application for six weeks commencing 20 March 2021. We will consider all relevant submissions as part of the assessment of application. Following the conclusion of the assessment, a Consultation Report will be made available on the NCA website.

The plans and supporting documentation for this WA application can be viewed at the following link <https://www.nca.gov.au/consultation/block-3-section-39-campbell-australian-war-memorial>

The NCA welcomes feedback on this application by close of business, **Friday 30 April 2021**.

Submissions can be made by:

- Email to [WAconsultation@nca.gov.au](mailto:WAconsultation@nca.gov.au)
- Writing to GPO Box 373, Canberra ACT 2601.

Please contact the NCA for further information on (02) 6271 2888.

Kind Regards,

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