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Director



**AUSTRALIAN
WAR MEMORIAL**

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Dr David Stephens
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Dear Dr Stephens,

Thank you for your correspondence to Minister Keogh dated 2 July 2022 in relation to the Australian War Memorial's Development Project (the Project). The Minister has forwarded your enquiries to me.

The project has strong bi-partisan support to tell the stories of the 100,000 veterans who have served in recent conflicts and on peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

The total funding allocated to the Project by Government is \$548.7m over 9 years. This funding consists of the 2018 Project funding of \$498.7m and the March 2022 increase of \$50.0m. The March 2022 increase is to meet the current extraordinary and unforeseeable market conditions for construction works in Australia arising from COVID-19 and other global events such as the Ukraine – Russia conflict. The \$308m you describe as 'increased capital injections' are not additional, they are part of the total Project appropriation of \$548.7m provided over the Forward Estimates period to meet the Project cash flow requirements.

The Memorial accounts annually for how Project funding is spent through its Annual Report in line with all Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act) requirements.

Thank you for your interest in the Project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Anderson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Anderson

Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made. C.E.W. Bean

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