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[Honest History](#) and [Heritage Guardians](#) welcome Kim Beazley's efforts to have the War Memorial properly recognise and commemorate the Frontier Wars. We urge him, however, to assess the differences between his recent remarks, particularly those he made yesterday, and earlier remarks from War Memorial management and other Council members, and to work assiduously to eliminate those differences.

More here:

<https://honesthistory.net.au/wp/stephens-david-kim-beazley-chair-of-war-memorial-council-makes-welcome-progress-towards-proper-recognition-of-frontier-wars-but-now-needs-to-drag-others-along-too/>

In particular, the details (about floor space, co-location with minor expeditionary forces, and expenditure on the Frontier Wars presentations) that came from War Memorial management at Senate Estimates in November do not look like 'substantial' recognition or a Memorial that has 'comprehensively moved away' from its past practice - Mr Beazley's objectives. Remarks from the Memorial Council, and the resistance from conservatives, suggest there is some way to go.

Mr Beazley must say clearly, within the walls of the Memorial and outside, 'We need to do better than this – and we can!'

Proper recognition and commemoration of the Frontier Wars at the Memorial is part of a much bigger picture. Closing the commemorative gap at the Memorial is intricately connected with the Voice and with Truth-telling as Australia comes to terms with its history – all of it.

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