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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon

The Government has approved the preparation of final design drawings based on sketch plans for the Australian National Gallery in Canberra.

It is expected that this design work will take eighteen months to complete.

The approval is in accordance with the earlier Government decision of April last year, directing that the design of the Gallery should commence.

The Government decision that design work should proceed does not involve any commital of funds nor does it constitute any approval for construction to take place. These matters will be the subject of subsequent Government consideration after the completion of the detailed design work now authorised.

CANBERRA,
21 May 1971