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HIGH COURT DESIGN COMPETITION WINNER

The winning entry in the Australia-wide competition held for the design of the High Court of Australia building, planned for Canberra's National Area, was submitted by the firm of Edwards, Madigan, Torzillo and Briggs, of Sydney.

Announcing this tonight, the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam said the winning firm had designed the new Australian National Gallery to be built in Canberra. They had also won Sulman Awards for the Warringah Shire Library in Sydney (1966) and, in association with the New South Wales Government Architect, for a student residence at Mitchell College of Advanced Education in Bathurst, N.S.W. (1970).

The competition for the High Court building was conducted by the National Capital Development Commission on behalf of the Australian Government. The first stage, which attracted 158 entries from architects registered to practise in Australia, produced six finalists, who were asked by the assessing panel to prepare designs for the second stage.

The six finalists were: Cameron, Chisholm and Nicol of Perth; Rodney Connors, of Sydney; Guy Maron, of Cheesman, Doley, Neighbour and Raffin, of Adelaide; McIntyre, McIntyre, of Melbourne; Perrot, Lyon, Timlock and Kesa, of Melbourne; and Edwards, Madigan, Torzillo and Briggs.

The assessors were:

Sir Garfield Barwick, Chief Justice of the High Court.

Sir John Overall, former Chairman, National Capital Planning Committee.

Professor P.H. Karmel, Chairman, Australian Universities Commission.

Mr. E.H. Farmer, N.S.W. State Government Architect.

Mr. Daryl Jackson, Partner in the Melbourne firm of Daryl Jackson and Evan Walker, Architects.

In their report, the assessors commented that the winning design "promises those qualities necessary to make a great building, a structure of both national and international significance."

Models and a selection of drawings entered by the finalists will be placed on display from Saturday at the Commission's planning exhibition, Regatta Point.

(Photograph and assessors report available to interested media.)

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