



## PRIME MINISTER

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### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY INTERIM COUNCIL

The Prime Minister announced today that the Government had appointed an Interim Council for the Australian National Gallery.

The Interim Council will be responsible for all Gallery affairs until it is established as a statutory authority.

It is expected that members of the Interim Council will become members of Council of the Gallery once there is a statute, and then serve normal initial terms of up to 3 years.

Members of the Interim Council are:-

Mr. Richard Crebbin (Sydney) - Chairman  
Miss Pamela Bell (Boonah, Queensland)  
Mr. Geoffrey Cohen (Perth)  
Miss Janet Dawson (Binalong, N.S.W.)  
Mr. Leonard French (Melbourne)  
Prof. Patrick McCaughey (Melbourne)  
Mr. Colin Madigan (Sydney)  
Mr. Lenton Parr (Melbourne)  
Mr. David Wynn (Adelaide)

Mr. James Mollison, Director of the Gallery under contract, and a senior officer of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will also be members of the Interim Council.

It is expected that legislation for the Gallery will be introduced in the Budget session of the Australian Parliament this year.

A building for the Australian National Gallery, designed by the Sydney architects Edwards, Madigan and Torzillo is under construction on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. It is expected that the Gallery will be open to the public in 1978.

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